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TO HIS
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By the Grace of God, King of
Great Britain, France, and
Ireland, Defender of the Faith,
and of the Church of England
and also of Ireland in Earth
the Supreme Head.

May it please your Majesty,

A Book treating professedly of the
law of the church, naturally ad-
dresseth your Majesty under your legal
title.

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However inconsiderable the author may be in himself, or how imperfect soever his work may be in the execution, he is imboldened to lay the same at your Majesty's feet, from that regard which you have manifested in all your declarations and actions for the subject matter it contains.

Law is the stability of the throne, and the security of the subjects in all that can be dear to them in this world.

Your Majesty is descended from a race of princes, who made the law of the land the constant rule of their conduct: and their reigns were happy and prosperous.

In these our days, it is the glory of the British nation, that we have a King at our head, who excels every subject he hath, in publick virtue, love to our native country, reverence for its institutions

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tutions and laws, and every amiable disposition.

SUPREMACY is a word, which, in different ages, hath conveyed different meanings.—In the times of our Saxon ancestors, the king was the head and fountain of jurisdiction, as well spiritual as temporal; and the same was exerted in the well governing the whole body of his people, both clergy and laity, according to the laws then in being. Supremacy might then be defined to be, the king's executive power circumscribed by the laws of his kingdom.

In process of time, the bishop of Rome (by means incredible, if the facts did not evince it) usurped an absolute sovereignty in matters spiritual within this kingdom. Then the supremacy was, the pope's power to do what he listed without controul; either as

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reason dictated, or his interest guided, or his passions swayed.—I say, *usurped*; because it was strenuously opposed by the whole estate of the realm, the king, lords, and commons assembled in parliament. Vigorous laws were enacted; but for a long time they were ineffectual.

At length the papal jurisdiction was abolished, and the king restored to his ancient ecclesiastical dignity and pre-eminence. But the princes of this realm in those days, intoxicated (as it should seem) with that excess of power which the pope had assumed, would needs understand it, that the same was not extinguished, but only transferred from the popes unto themselves: and they carried similar notions into the civil administration. This excited disorders and convulsions in the state, and in the end overturned the government.

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After several struggles, the kingdom at last became settled into that regular, uniform, beneficial institution, which shines forth in its full lustre under your Majesty's auspicious influence, and renders your Majesty the delight of your subjects, and the envy of the whole earth.

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Your Majesty's

most humble

most faithful

and obedient subject.

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P R E F A C E.

THE ecclesiastical law of England is compounded of these four main ingredients; the *Civil* law, the *Canon* law, the *Common* law, and the *Statute* law. And from these digested in their proper rank and subordination, to draw out one uniform law of the church, is the purport of this book.

Where these laws do interfere and cross each other, the order of preference is this: The *Civil* law submitteth to the *Canon* law; both of these to the *Common* law; and all the three to the *Statute* law.

So that from any one or more of these without all of them together, or from all of these together without attending to their comparative obligation; it is not possible to exhibit any distinct prospect of the English ecclesiastical constitution.

I. By the *Civil* law is meant, the law of the ancient Romans; which had its foundation in the Grecian republicks, and received continual improvements in the Roman state during the space of upwards of a thousand years, and did not expire at last even with the empire it self.

For the distinct knowledge whereof, it is to be remembred, that after the abolishing of the regal government at Rome, and the establishment of the republick, they sent three men into Greece, to collect the laws of the Athenian and other Grecian states; and from these were compiled and digested by ten commissioners, well known by the name of the

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Pandect;
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In Prefat.
Livii Inst.
Rom. l. 3.
c. 22.

the *Decemviri*, the laws of the *twelve tables* (so called from their being ingraven on twelve tables of brass): which were the first and principal foundation of the Roman law.

To the twelve tables were added the *Responsa Prudentum*, or interpretation of the lawyers; who accommodated the same to the use and practice of their courts. And this was denominated, in contradistinction to the laws of the twelve tables, the *jus non scriptum*, or unwritten law: and having no other name, began then to be called the *civil* law; and is that which is styled by *Justinian* the *jurisprudentia media*, because it came in between the laws of the twelve tables and the Imperial constitutions.

Next to these were the *Leges*, or laws emphatically so called; because they were enacted by the whole body of the people, reckoning both the nobility and commonalty together: and this was particularly, when a new case happened that was not provided for by the former laws; the consuls on this occasion caused the people to be assembled together, and informed them what the case was, and asking their opinions, that is, putting it to the vote, they decided the same according to the rules of equity as the matter appeared to them; and this decision being made, was ever afterwards in the like cases observed as a law. For after the abolition of the regal government, the magistracy was lodged with the people; one principal branch whereof is the power of making laws.

Afterwards, the common people mutinying, upon some differences with the nobility, retired and separated themselves from the nobility for some time; and during this secession they enacted laws of their own, which were called *Plebiscita*: and upon a reconciliation with the nobility afterwards, it was agreed and consented to, that these also should have the force of law, and be obligatory upon the whole Roman people, the nobility as well as others.

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But on the daily increase of the Roman state, it appearing almost impossible to assemble the whole body of the people, at least without some tumult and commotion; it was thought expedient, whenever any new case arose, to trust the senate with this power: And when any new law was made by them, it was styled *Senatus-consultum*, or a decree of the senate; and was, in like manner as the *plebiscita*, incorporated into the Roman civil law.

Furthermore, when the consuls were abroad in the wars, to the end that the city might not be destitute of governors during their absence, the people created for themselves two officers called *Prætors*; and these had power given to them, of adding to, or supplying and correcting the civil law of the twelve tables; and were wont to propound certain edicts, which being approved by the people were incorporated into the civil law, and were called *Jus prætorium*, or the prætorian edicts.

Also the *Ædiles curules* in some cases did establish laws; but as their office, so also their edicts, were but for the year; and therefore at first they were called *annual edicts*, until the time of the Cornelian law, which made them perpetual, and thenceforth they were called *perpetual edicts*. These were digested and put into order by Salvius Julianus under the emperor Adrian, and illustrated by the commentaries of the Roman lawyers.

These were the component parts of the Roman civil law, whilst their state continued republican. After the government was transferred into the hands of the emperors, two other branches were added, to wit, the *Constitutiones principum*, or Imperial constitutions, and the *Responsa prudentum*, or answers of the lawyers.

For after the administration was by the *lex regia* granted by the people to Augustus; whatsoever the emperor ordained by his epistle, or commanded by his edict or proclamation, or decreed on the cognisance of any matter coming before him in judgment, had

had the force of a law, under the style and title of an *Imperial constitution*. And these constitutions were sometimes called *placita principum*; because they were such as the prince or emperor was pleased to ordain according to his discretion.

Next to the Imperial constitutions, were the *Responsa prudentum* under the emperors. The *responsa prudentum* during the times of the republick were delivered without the sanction of publick authority, and made part (as was said) of the *jus non scriptum*: But under the emperors after Augustus, no person was suffered to deliver answers concerning the law, but those to whom the emperors gave commission; and to their answers the judges were obliged to conform. And these do constitute a part of the *jus scriptum*, or written law.

The imperial constitutions aforesaid, in the space of five hundred years, from Augustus to Justinian, grew to so immense a bulk, that the lawyer *Gregorius* thought fit to make a digest thereof, from the time of Adrian, or (as others say) of Augustus, down to the reign of Dioclesian; and this he did by his own private authority; and from him the *Gregorian code* had its name and original.

The second code which we read of, was that of *Hermogenes*, who lived in the age of the Constantines; wherein were comprized all the Imperial constitutions of Claudius, Aurelius, Probus, Carus, Carinus, and that vast number of constitutions made by Dioclesian and Maximian.

The next code was that of the emperor *Theodosius* the younger, who caused the same to be compiled after the manner of the foregoing codes; containing the constitutions of the emperors from the time of Constantine down to Theodosius's own reign: and this collection from him was called the *Theodosian code*.

But in these three codes there was nevertheless so much confusion, contradiction, and superfluity; that
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Justinian judged a revifal and correction thereof to be very neceffary.

And therefore from thefe three codes of the Imperial conftitutions, and alfo from fuch new conftitutions as had been made and publifhed after the compiling of the Theodofian code, the emperor Juftinian caufed a new code to be compiled, which from him was denominated the *Juftinian code*. Which code he afterwards caufed to be revifed and corrected in many particulars, and republifhed; and is that code which we have now extant at this day.

After which he caufed in like manner the *refponfa prudentum*, confifting of fome hundred volumes of the writings of the Roman lawyers, to be digefted and abridged; and this he called the *Digeft* or *Pandect*, as containing all the decifions collected from the queftions and refolutions of the ancient Roman lawyers.

And from this digeft or pandect, and likewise from his own code and other commentaries of the ancient lawyers, he caufed alfo his book of *Inftitutes* to be compiled; which containeth the elements of the Roman law, written in an elegant and eafy flowing ftyle.

Laft of all he publifhed his *Novels*; which Novels (*novellæ*) were new conftitutions made by Juftinian himfelf after the publication of the other books; and thefe are fometimes called the *Authenticks*, to diftinguifh them from fome other publications of conftitutions of the fucceeding emperors, which are not refpected as of much authority. And generally, the whole civil law, in ufe at this day, is comprized in thofe four books of Juftinian; the *Code*, the *Digeft*, the *Inftitute*, and the *Novels*.

The greateft part of this ifland was governed wholly by the civil law for about three hundred and fixty years, from Claudius to Honorius; during which time, fome of the moft eminent

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Roman lawyers, as Papinian, Paulus, and Ulpian, whose opinions and decisions are collected in the body of the civil law, did sit in the seat of judgment in this nation. But after the declension of the Roman empire, the Saxon, Danish, and Norman customs took place.

Nevertheless, in after times, the same law again came to be of great repute within this kingdom; particularly during all the time from the reign of king Stephen to the reign of king Edward the third, both inclusive. During which period, and at other times according as the study of the civil law prevailed, the judges and professors of the common law had frequent recourse to it, in cases where the common law was either totally silent or defective. And thus we see in the most ancient books of the common law, as Bracton, Thornton, and Fleta, that the authors thereof have transcribed, one after another, in many places, the very words of Justinian's Institute.

And there are some particular matters in which the civil law hath always been, and still is allowed to be, the only law in England, whereby they are to be decided; and the courts of justice, which have cognizance of those matters, do proceed therein according to the rules and forms of the civil law.

Thus in the high court of *admiralty* (which was established about the time of king Edward the first), all causes civil and maritime are to be decided according to the civil law, and the maritime customs.

Thus in the court of honour or *chivalry*, the lord high constable and earl marshal, who are the judges thereof, are to proceed according to the civil law, as being the most proper law for deciding all controversies arising upon contracts made in foreign countries, deeds of arms and of war out of the realm, and things that pertain to war

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within the realm, and other matters whereof that court hath the proper cognizance.

So also in the two *universities*: the courts which are there held for determining suits to which the scholars or members of the universities are parties, do proceed according to the rules of the civil law.

The courts of *equity* also are in many things conformable to the rules of the civil law; of which the chief is, the high court of *chancery*. Their suits are commenced by petition or bill; witnesses privately examined; and nothing is there determined by a jury of twelve men, but all the decisions are made by the chancellor. And almost all the chancellors, from Becket to Wolsey, that is to say, from the age next after the conquest until the age of the reformation, comprehending almost the whole time of the pope's domination within this realm, were ecclesiasticks, well skilled in the Roman laws.

And, finally, in all the *ecclesiastical courts* within this kingdom, altho' the canon law is the foundation of their proceedings, yet the canon law being in a great measure founded upon the civil law, and so interwoven with it in many branches thereof, that there is no understanding the canon law rightly without being very well versed in the civil law; the knowledge thereof is therefore absolutely necessary for the dispatch of all causes of ecclesiastical cognizance. And the civil law not only serves to explain the canon law; but by the practice of all ecclesiastical courts, it is allowed to come in aid of and to supply the canon law, in cases which are there omitted. And how necessary and useful the civil law is in this respect, doth evidently appear from the commentaries of Lindwood and of John de Athon upon the provincial and legantine constitutions.

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Ridley's view
of the Civil
and Eccl.
Law.
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II. The CANON law sprang up out of the ruins of the Roman empire, and from the power of the Roman pontiffs. When the seat of the empire was removed to Constantinople, many of the European princes and states fell off from the dominion of the emperors; and Italy amongst the rest. And the bishops of Rome, having been generally had in esteem as presiding in the capital city of the empire, began to set up for themselves, and by degrees acquired a temporal dominion in Italy, and a spiritual dominion throughout Italy and almost all the rest of Europe.

And thereupon the several princes and states did willingly receive into the body of their own laws, the canons of councils, the writings of the holy fathers, and the decrees and constitutions of popes.

Concerning the *canons of councils*, it was established by Justinian himself, that the canons of the councils of Nice and of Constantinople, of the first council of Ephesus, and of the council of Chalcedon, should be observed for laws; and that their decrees, as to matters of faith and doctrine, should be esteemed even as the holy scriptures.

After Justinian, the authority of canons made in general or provincial councils, and of the writings of the fathers, still prevailed; and the decision of ecclesiastical controversies, which could not be drawn from the councils and the fathers, was sought for from the Roman pontiffs, who writ answers to those that consulted them, in like manner as the Roman emperors; and their determinations were called *rescripts* and *decretal epistles*, and obtained the force of laws.

More particularly, of the canon law there are two principal parts, the *Decrees* and the *Decretals*.

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The *Decrees* are ecclesiastical constitutions, made by the pope and cardinals, at no man's suit. These were first collected by *Ivo*, in the year 1114. And afterwards polished and perfected by *Gratian*, a monk of Bononia, in the year 1149.

The *Decretals* are canonical epistles written by the popes alone, or by the popes and cardinals, at the instance or suit of some one or more, for the ordering and determining of some matter in controversy; and have the authority of a law in themselves.

Of the decretals there are three volumes. The first collected by order of *Gregory* the ninth, about the year 1231. The second by *Boniface* the eighth, about the year 1298. The third made by pope *Clement* the fifth, and from him called the *Clementines*, and published by him about the year 1308.

To these may be added the *Extravagants* of *John* the twenty-second, and of some other bishops of Rome, whose authors or collectors are not known, and are as *novel* constitutions unto the rest.

So that the popes did the same in the church, which *Justinian* did in the empire; they took order to have *Gratian's* decrees published in the manner of the *Pandect*; the decretal epistles, like as the *Code*; the *Extravagants* in the nature of *Justinian's Novels*; and that nothing might be wanting, *Paul* the fourth ordered an *Institute* of the canon law to be written by *John Lancelot*, which was added to the body of the canon law, printed at Rome under *Gregory* the thirteenth.

There were also as many commentators on the canon, as on the civil law.

And thus both the civil and canon laws became in some considerable degree received throughout all Christendom; affording mutual help and ornament to each other.

And the rule in interpreting them was this: If a case happened, which was either not at all determined in the civil law, or not expressly, but doubtfully and obscurely, and the same was plainly and clearly delivered in the canon law; the decision thereof was taken from the canon law: And on the contrary, where in the canon law there was no direction, or the same was ambiguously or obscurely expressed; the decision thereof was taken from the civil law: And if in any case the civil and canon laws did interfere, and were contrary to each other; the civil law was to be observed in the civil law courts, and the canon law in the canon law courts; the civil law within the emperor's dominions, and the canon law within the pope's dominions. And in the courts of civil law, where a matter of canon law cognizance came in question, the same was there determined according to the rules of the canon law; and in the courts of canon law, where a matter of civil law cognizance came in question, the same was determined according to the rules of the civil law.

And particularly, that the canon law in many instances was received here in England, appeareth clearly from hence; namely, for that very many of the decretal epistles of the popes are directed hither, upon controversies arising in this nation.

Besides the foreign canon law; we have our *legatine* and *provincial* constitutions.

The *Legatine constitutions* were made and published within this realm in the times of *Otho*, legate of Gregory the ninth; and of *Othobon* (afterwards pope Adrian the fifth), who was legate here to Clement the fourth: And these are illustrated by the learned comment of *John de Alton*.

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These legatine constitutions did extend equally to both provinces; having been made in *national* synods or councils, held here by the respective legates.

The *provincial constitutions* were made in convocation in the times of the several archbishops of Canterbury from *Stephen Langton* to *Henry Chicheley*; containing the constitutions of those two archbishops, and of these several archbishops intermediate, to wit, *Richard Wethershed*, *Edmund of Abingdon*, *Boniface*, *John Peccham*, *Robert Winchelsey*, *Walter Reynold*, *Simon Mepham*, *John Stratford*, *Simon Islepe*, *Simon Langham*, *Simon of Sudbury*, and *Thomas Arundel*. These were collected and adorned with the learned gloss of *William Lindwood*, official of the court of Canterbury, and afterwards bishop of St. David's in the reign of king Henry the fifth. Which constitutions, altho' made only for the province of Canterbury, yet were received also by the province of York in convocation, in the year 1463.

There were other constitutions of divers prelates, both before and after: but these which have been mentioned, having been introduced to publick notice by the two learned canonists above-named, have been principally regarded.

Concerning this whole body of the canon law, it is enacted by the statute of the 25 Hen. 8. c. 19. as followeth: *Where divers constitutions, ordinances, and canons provincial or synodal, which heretofore have been enacted, be thought not only to be much prejudicial to the king's prerogative royal, and repugnant to the laws and statutes of this realm, but also over much onerous to his highness and his subjects; the king's humble and obedient subjects, the clergy of this realm, have most humbly besought the king's highness, that the said constitutions and canons may be committed to the examination and judgment of his highness, and of two and thirty of the king's subjects,*

subjects, whereof sixteen to be of the clergy of this realm, and all the said two and thirty persons to be chosen and appointed by the king's majesty; and that such of the said constitutions and canons, as shall be thought and determined by the said two and thirty persons or the more part of them worthy to be abrogated and annulled, shall be abolite and made of no value accordingly; and such other of the same constitutions and canons, as by the said two and thirty or the more part of them shall be approved to stand with the laws of God, and consonant to the laws of this realm, shall stand in their full strength and power, the king's most royal assent being first had and obtained to the same: And forasmuch as such canons, constitutions, and ordinances, as heretofore have been made by the clergy of this realm, cannot now at the session of this present parliament, by reason of the shortness of time, be viewed examined and determined, by the king's highness and two and thirty persons to be chosen and appointed according to the petition of the said clergy in form above rehearsed; it is therefore enacted, that the king shall have power to nominate and assign at his pleasure the said two and thirty persons of his subjects, whereof sixteen to be of the clergy, and sixteen to be of the temporality of the upper and nether house of the parliament; and if any of the said two and thirty persons so chosen shall happen to die before their full determination, then his highness to nominate others from time to time, of the said two houses of parliament, to supply the number of the said two and thirty, and that the same two and thirty, by his highness so to be named, shall have power and authority to view, search, and examine the said canons, constitutions, and ordinances provincial and synodal heretofore made; and such of them as the king's highness, and the said two and thirty or the more part of them, shall deem and adjudge worthy to be continued kept and obeyed, shall be from thenceforth kept obeyed and executed within this realm, so that

the king's most royal assent under his great seal be first had to the same; and the residue of the said canons, constitutions, and ordinances provincial, which the king's highness and the said two and thirty persons or the more part of them shall not approve or shall deem and judge worthy to be abolite abrogate and made frustrate, shall from thenceforth be void and of none effect, and never be put in execution within this realm: " Provided, that such canons, constitutions, ordinances, and synodals provincial, being already made, which will not be contrariant or repugnant to the laws statutes and customs of this realm, nor to the damage or hurt of the king's prerogative royal, shall now still be used and executed, as they were afore the making of this act, till such time as they be viewed, searched, or otherwise ordered and determined by the said two and thirty persons, or the more part of them, according to the tenor form and effect of this present act."

And by the 27 Hen. 8. c. 15. Forasmuch as the canons cannot by reason of the shortness of the time be examined during this session of parliament; the king shall have power to nominate the two and thirty persons, sixteen of the clergy, and sixteen of the laity, either before or after the dissolution of the parliament; whose power shall continue for three years after the dissolution.

And by the 35 Hen. 8. c. 16. The said power was continued to the king during his life, and by the same statute it was enacted more generally, as follows: " Until such time as the king and the said two and thirty persons have accomplished the effects and contents before rehearsed; such canons, constitutions, ordinances, synodal or provincial, or OTHER ECCLESIASTICAL LAWS OR JURISDICTIONS SPIRITUAL, as be yet accustomed and used here in the church of England, which necessarily and conveniently

“veniently are requisite to be put in ure and execution for the time, not being repugnant contrariant or derogatory to the laws or statutes of the realm, nor to the prerogatives of the regal crown of the same, or any of them, shall be occupied, exercised, and put in ure for the time, within this realm; and that the ministers, and due executors of them, shall not incur any damage or danger for the due exercising of the aforesaid laws, so that by no colour or pretence of them or any of them, the minister put in ure any thing prejudicial or contrary to the regal power or laws of the realm: any thing whatsoever to the contrary of this present act notwithstanding.”

But the design was not compleated in that king's reign.

In the reign of king Edward the sixth, this matter was again set on foot; and by the 3 & 4 Ed. 6. c. 11. it was enacted, that *the king should have power for three years, to appoint sixteen of the clergy, whereof four to be bishops, and sixteen of the temporality, whereof four to be learned in the common law, to compile such ecclesiastical laws as aforesaid, not being repugnant to the common law or statutes of this realm.*

And hereupon king Edward the sixth directed a commission to thirty two persons; and afterwards appointed a subcommittee of eight persons, to prepare the work and make it ready for the rest, that it might be dispatched with the more expedition. Which said eight persons were archbishop Cranmer, Dr Goodrich bishop of Ely, Dr Cox the king's almoner, Peter Martyr doctor in divinity, William May and Rowland Taylor doctors of law, John Lucas and Richard Goodrich esquires; by whom the work was undertaken, digested, and fashioned, according to the method of the Roman decretals, and called by the name of *Reformatio legum ecclesiasticarum*; the style whereof

whereof was corrected and perfected by Dr Had-
don and Sir John Cheek. But the king dying
soon after, the royal confirmation thereof was not
obtained.

In the reign of queen Mary, all the aforesaid
acts were repealed, by the statute of 1 & 2 P. &
M. c. 8. And so the matter rested till the first
year of queen Elizabeth, when by the statute of
1 El. c. 1. the aforesaid act of the 25 Hen. 8.
c. 19. was revived, and extended to the queen,
her heirs, and successors (the rest of the afore-
mentioned acts still remaining repealed).

In pursuance of which revival and extension, it
was proposed in convocation, in the fifth year of
queen Elizabeth, to move the queen's majesty
in that behalf, and afterwards, by the endeavours
of archbishop Parker, it was set on foot in the
parliament of the 13 Eliz. and by a leading mem-
ber recommended to the consideration of the house
of commons: but after that, we hear no more
of it.

So that by this statute, until such reformation
as aforesaid shall take effect, the canon law, so
far as the same was received here before the said
statutes, and is not contrariant to the common
law, nor to the statute law, nor to the preroga-
tive royal, is recognized and enacted to be in
force by authority of parliament. Therefore the
business upon this head must be, to inquire first
what is the canon law upon any point; and then
to find out, how far the same was received here
before the said statute; and then to compare the
same with the common law, and with the statute
law, and with the law concerning the king's pre-
rogative (which is also part of the common law):
and from thence will come out the genuine law
of the church.

Under this head concerning the canon law,
are to be reckoned also the constitutions and ca-
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nons made in the convocation of the province of Canterbury, in the year 1603; and ratified by the king, for himself, his heirs and successors: Which were also received and passed, about two years after, in the province of York.

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Rep. 1056.
2 Atkyns's
Rep. 650.

Concerning the authority of these canons, and consequently the power of the convocation to make laws (with the royal assent and approbation), much dispute hath been made; but the matter seemeth now to be finally settled in the case of *Middleton and Croft*, *M. 10 Geo. 2.* In which, lord Hardwicke, then lord chief justice of the king's bench, delivered the resolution of the court to this effect: " One question in this cause is, Whether the " makers of the canons of 1603, had a power to " bind the laity? They were made by the bi- " shops and clergy in convocation convened by " the king's writ, and confirmed by him under " the great seal; but the defect objected to them " is, that they were never confirmed by parlia- " ment, and for this reason, tho' they bind the " clergy of the realm, yet they cannot bind the " laity for want of a parliamentary confirmation. " And some of the counsel in their argument " seemed to admit it, by putting the case upon " the foot of the ancient canon law; but as the " other counsel who argued on that side did not " give it up, it is become necessary to examine " and determine a point of so great moment to the " constitution of England, in order to settle the " law thereupon. And on the best consideration " we have been able to give it, we are all of opi- " nion, that the canons of 1603, not having been " confirmed by parliament, do not *proprio vigore* " bind the laity; I say, *proprio vigore*, by their " own force and authority; for there are many " provisions contained in these canons, which are " declaratory of the ancient usage and law of the " church of England, received and allowed here, " which, in that respect, and by virtue of such " ancient allowance, will bind the laity; but " that

“ that is an obligation antecedent to, and not
“ arising from this body of canons. They who
“ look into Spelman’s collection, will find much
“ matter in the ancient councils, that may serve
“ for illustration and ornament; but as those were
“ often mixed assemblies, composed partly of
“ clergy, and partly of laymen; sometimes the
“ king with his nobility, at other times some of
“ the commons likewise, are mentioned as present.
“ But whether they had suffrages in these coun-
“ cils or not, and in what manner they were sent
“ thither, whether by election, or by what other
“ kind of constitution, is very uncertain and ob-
“ scure. The like may be said of several coun-
“ cils held in the earliest times following the
“ coming in of the Norman line; and after-
“ wards there is a frequent mixture of the le-
“ gatine authority, which arose merely by papal
“ usurpation.

“ Upon this important question therefore, it is
“ proper for judges to proceed upon surer foun-
“ dations; which are, the general nature and
“ fundamental principles of our constitution, acts
“ of parliament, and resolutions and judicial opi-
“ nions in our books; and from these to draw
“ our conclusions.

“ No new law can be made to bind the whole
“ people of this land, but by the king, with
“ the advice and consent of both houses of par-
“ liament, and by their united authority. Nei-
“ ther the king alone, nor the king with the con-
“ currence of any particular number or order of
“ men, hath this high power. The binding
“ force of these acts of parliament arises from
“ that prerogative, which is in the king our
“ sovereign liege lord; from that personal right
“ which is inherent in the peers and lords
“ of parliament, to bind themselves and their
“ heirs and successors in their honours and
“ dignities; and from the delegated power
“ vested

“ vested in the commons as representatives of
 “ the people; by reason of this representation,
 “ every man is said to be party to, and the con-
 “ sent to every subject is included in, an act of
 “ parliament.

“ But in canons made in convocation, and
 “ confirmed by the crown only, all these requi-
 “ sites are wanting, except the royal assent; there
 “ is no intervention of the peers of the realm,
 “ nor any representation of the commons.

“ It was said indeed by some of the civilians
 “ in this cause, that, even in parliament, there is
 “ not an actual representation of all orders and
 “ degrees of men, there being more subjects
 “ who do not vote in elections, than who do.
 “ But that doth not make it cease to be a re-
 “ presentation. It was impossible that all could
 “ join in the election; and therefore our consti-
 “ tution hath fixed it in those, who are possessed
 “ of the most valuable and fixed sort of pro-
 “ perty. A notion also was advanced in this ar-
 “ gument, that the parson represents the parish:
 “ But how can that be, when we all know, that
 “ the parson is not elected by them? The writ
 “ is to summon to convocation the whole cler-
 “ gy; and the premonition is, that archdeacons
 “ and deans shall come in person, and the rest
 “ by their representatives. These shew plainly,
 “ that the clergy only are called, and that the
 “ proctors are chosen to represent the clergy
 “ only. Hence arises the distinction between
 “ canons made in ancient councils confirmed by
 “ the empire after it became Christian, and those
 “ made here. The emperor, according to Jus-
 “ tinian and the Digest, had a legislative power;
 “ and when they received his confirmation, they
 “ had their full authority. But that is not the
 “ case here: the crown hath not the full legis-
 “ lative power; and it is therefore rightly said
 “ in 2 *Salk.* 673, that the king’s consent to a
 “ canon

" *canon in re ecclesiastica* makes it a law to bind
 " the clergy, but not the laity: And no one
 " can say, that the consent of the people is in-
 " cluded in the royal confirmation. Another ar-
 " gument is, that by our constitution the power
 " of imposing taxes is co-extensive with the power
 " of making new laws. The parliament lays
 " taxes upon all the people; but the clergy
 " never pretended to tax any but themselves.
 " And it seems almost an absurdity to say, that
 " when the clergy in convocation cannot charge
 " the laity with one farthing by way of tax or
 " imposition, cannot even create a new fee to be
 " paid by them, yet that the clergy should have
 " it in their power to enact new laws, for dis-
 " obeying which, the laity shall incur the penalty
 " of excommunication, which is to be carried
 " into execution by the loss of their liberty, and
 " a disability to sue for and dispose of their
 " personal estates. This would certainly be to
 " affect the laity in their property in a very high
 " degree; and yet it is admitted, that the clergy
 " by synodical acts cannot charge the property
 " of the laity.

" In all the acts of parliament since the re-
 " formation, for confirming forms of prayer and
 " other ecclesiastical constitutions, the preambles
 " shew, that the clergy in convocation were only
 " considered as the proper assembly to prepare
 " and propound them, but not to enact or give
 " them their force. It was objected indeed in
 " this argument, that the confirmation in parlia-
 " ment did not give being to them as laws, to
 " bind the laity; but was designed merely to in-
 " force them by the addition of temporal penal-
 " ties. But that is not the only reason, tho' it
 " is one. The true use of these confirmations
 " in parliament was, the extension of such con-
 " stitutions over the laity, who would otherwise
 " not be bound. It hath also been said, that at
 " least

“ least they should bind the laity *in re ecclesiast-*
 “ *tica*.—But this proves a great deal too much;
 “ there are many things of an ecclesiastical na-
 “ ture, which no canon can touch, as the case
 “ of tithes, the degrees of consanguinity, and
 “ the operation of administrations; and if this
 “ argument would hold, they might overturn
 “ the common law as to the heirship of lands,
 “ and the division of personal estates; which
 “ would never be endured, for these are matters
 “ which have always been regulated by the le-
 “ gislature.” And after considering the cases
 which had been alledged on both sides, he con-
 cludes upon the whole, and lays it down as the
 deliberate resolution of the whole court, that
 the canons of 1603 do not *proprio vigore* bind the
 laity.

In the aforesaid case, the point was not in ques-
 tion, whether or how far the said canons are ob-
 ligatory upon the clergy. It seemeth generally
 to be understood, that they are binding in that
 respect. And it is to be observed, that there are
 very many particulars in those canons, which are
 taken from the ancient canon law received here
 before the said statute of the 25 Hen. 8. And
 therefore upon this head, it is to be inquired,
 how much of those canons is agreeable to the an-
 cient canon law, and how much is added of new
 by the convocation of 1603: for in the former
 case, the same will be obligatory both upon the
 clergy and laity; and in the latter case, upon the
 clergy only.

Yet there seemeth to be one exception to this
 general rule, and that is, with respect to those of-
 ficers of the ecclesiastical court which are laymen,
 as registers, proctors, and apparitors (and we may
 add also churchwardens, who are officers attendant
 on the courts of visitation, there to give informa-
 tion of offences); for as to these, the temporal
 courts in the adjudications which have been
 made,

made, do proceed upon a supposition that these canons are in force. But according to the foregoing doctrine, the distinction must be this: That the regulation of the officers according to the measures prescribed by these canons, is not so much of necessity, as of convenience; that the canons in these respects are a good rule to go by, but not of peremptory obligation; and therefore that the authority which the court exerciseth over its officers according to these canons, is not from the canons themselves, but from that power which every court hath over its own officers, by the common law, by the ancient canon law, and by every law; for without this, there could be no courts at all.

III. The COMMON law is so called, because it is the common municipal law or rule of justice throughout the kingdom. For altho' there are divers particular laws, some by custom applied to particular places, and some to particular causes; yet that law, which is common to the generality of all persons, things, and causes, and hath a superintendency over those particular laws that are admitted in relation to particular places or matters, is the common law of England.

This is usually called *lex non scripta*; not as if all those laws of which it consisteth were only oral, or communicated from the former ages to the latter merely by word; for all those laws have their several monuments in writing, whereby they are transferred from one age to another, and without which they would soon lose all kind of certainty; for as the civil and canon laws have their canons, decrees, and decretal determinations in writing, so those laws of England which are not comprized under the title of acts of parliament, are for the most part extant in records of pleas proceedings and judgments, in books of reports and

Hale's Hist.
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and judicial decisions, in tractates of learned mens arguments and opinions, preserved from ancient times, and still extant in writing: But they are styled *unwritten laws*, because their authoritative and original institutions are not set down in writing in that manner, or with that verbal explicitness, that acts of parliament are; but they are grown into use, and have acquired their binding power and the force of laws, by a long and immemorial usage, and by the strength of custom and reception in this kingdom; the matter indeed, and the substance of those laws, are in writing, but the formal and obliging force or power of them grows by long use and custom. For custom, generally received in this kingdom, obtains the force of law; and is that which gives power sometimes to the canon law, and sometimes to the civil law, in the respective courts wherein they are in use; and again, controlls both, when they cross other customs that are generally received in the kingdom.

As to the rise and original of this common law, it is to be understood, that after the decay of the Roman empire, this nation was invaded by several different people; each of whom, more or less, introduced their own laws in the places where they settled. When the kingdom became united under one monarch, the several laws were collected and formed into one general law of the realm.

Alfred, who was the first sole monarch after the Saxon heptarchy, about the year 896, collected all the laws into one book, and commanded them to be observed throughout the whole kingdom, which before only affected certain parts thereof.

After him, *Edward the confessor*, who began his reign in the year 1041, out of the former laws composed a system which he called the *common law*;

law; upon which account he is styled by our historians, the restorer of the English laws.

Afterwards, *William the conqueror*, with the advice of his council, on consideration of all the laws and customs, abrogated some, and established others; to which he added some of his own country laws, which he judged most to conduce to the preservation of the peace.

William Rufus, his son, broke thro' the ancient laws and customs which his father had established. But the conqueror's next son, king *Henry the first*, surnamed *Beauclerk*, from his eminent learning, abolished all the evil customs which his brother had introduced, and restored the laws of Edward the confessor, with those amendments which his father had made by the advice of his barons.

The next succeeding kings, in like manner, confirmed all the aforesaid laws and customs, and enacted new laws as occasion required, by the advice and consent of the great council of the realm; the original records of which being lost, they remain only now as parts of the common law.

For we have no original or authentic transcripts of acts of parliament, ancients than the reign of king Henry the third. But undoubtedly such there were. And many of those things that we now take for common law, were originally acts of parliament, tho' now not to be found of record. And if in the next age, the statutes made in the time of Henry the third and Edward the first should be lost, yet even those may possibly in future times pass for parts of the common law; and, indeed, by long usage, and the many resolutions grounded upon them, and by their great antiquity, they seem even already to be incorporated with the common law: and that this is so, may appear, tho' not by records, for we have
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none so ancient, yet by authentic and unquestionable history, wherein a man may without much difficulty find, that many of those matters which are now used and taken for common law, were enacted in parliament or great councils before the reign of king Henry the third. But yet, those constitutions and laws being made before time of memory, do now obtain, and are taken as part of the common law and immemorial customs of the kingdom; and so they ought now to be esteemed, tho' in their original they were acts of parliament.

And this common law hath been committed to writing, and delivered down to the present times, in the works of divers learned men.

Particularly, the famous and learned *Glanvil*, lord chief justice in the reign of king Henry the second, wrote a book of the common law, which is said to be the most ancient composition on that subject now extant.

Bracton, who was a judge in the reign of king Henry the third, wrote a very learned treatise of the common law, towards the latter end of that king's reign; which is held in great estimation to this day.

Britton, who, as some say, was bishop of Hereford, or, as others say, was a judge, (and perhaps he might be both,) in the times of king Henry the third, and king Edward the first, composed a learned work on the common laws of England, which was published in the fifth year of king Edward the first.

The book called *Fleta*, was written by some learned lawyer, who being committed to the prison of the Fleet, had leisure to compile it there, and therefore styled it by the name of the Fleet. The author thereof is unknown; but it appeareth in his book that he lived in the reigns of Edward the second and Edward the third.

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And from these, and other books of the common law, and from original records and other authentic monuments, that great lawyer *Sir Edward Coke*, afterwards lord chief justice of the king's bench, in the reign of king James the first, composed his four books of institutes, which are deservedly esteemed as most valuable repositories of the common law.

Under this head concerning the common law, are to be considered also *Judicial decisions*, or determinations in the courts of justice. Which, altho' by virtue of the laws of this realm they bind as a law between the parties thereto, as to the particular case in question, until reversed by writ of error; yet do not make a law properly so called (for that only the king and parliament can do): yet they have a great weight and authority in expounding, declaring, and publishing what the law of this kingdom is; especially when such decisions hold a consonancy and congruity with resolutions and decisions of former times.

Of these decisions, in the temporal courts, there are abundant instances in the books of reports: but of cases adjudged in the ecclesiastical courts, no collection hath been published; which hath been one cause why the law and practice of those courts is not so generally understood.

Hereunto may be added also the *Register of writs*: Which writs, altho' they are not strictly law, yet being compiled with the utmost caution and judgment, by the most eminent and experienced sages of the law, are deservedly esteemed as of very great authority.

IV. The STATUTE law is made by the king, the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons

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in parliament assembled; that is, by the united suffrages of the whole kingdom, either in person or by representative. And this is that which gives unto acts of parliament their strength and superiority above all other laws in this kingdom whatsoever; by virtue whereof, they controll, alter, mitigate, repeal, revive, explain, amend, both the common, canon, and civil laws, and actually have done so in abundance of instances. These statutes or acts of parliament bear date (as was observed before) from the reign of king Henry the third; and new statutes have been enacted in every king and queen's reign since that time, except only during the short reign of king Edward the fifth. By which means, in the space of upwards of 500 years, they have necessarily become very numerous, and not a little confused; so that there is need of another Justinian to revise and digest them.

Under this head, we are also to reckon the *Thirty nine articles* of religion, agreed upon in convocation, in the year 1562; and, in like manner, the *Rubrick* of the book of common prayer: Which being both of them established by act of parliament, are to be esteemed as part of the statute law.

THESE are the constituent parts of the English ecclesiastical law, as practised and exercised in the ecclesiastical courts, and in the courts of common law. But besides these, there are other courts which in many instances have concurrent jurisdiction; and in which indeed most ecclesiastical matters of considerable consequence are now usually determined, namely, the courts of *equity*, in the exchequer, and in the chancery. In these are cognizable matters of tithes and modus's for the same, causes matrimonial and testamentary and
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other things relative thereunto, as appointing of guardians, ordering executors and administrators, taking care of the interests of infants, payment of debts and legacies, and many other such like. And in these courts the determinations are made according to the rules of equity and good conscience; and more especially they take cognizance in cases where no provision, or not sufficient provision, is made by the ordinary course of law; and sometimes they will mitigate the rigour of the common law, where by circumstances there happens to be a peculiar hardship or inconvenience in the particular case in question; but, ordinarily they will not determine against the known and established maxims of the common law, much less relieve against an act of parliament, for that cannot be altered but by the same authority which established it.

As to what is delivered concerning the thirty nine articles above, it is to be observed, that what is alledged from thence in the following book is inserted, not as matter of doctrine, but as matter of law; points of doctrine being foreign to the author's whole design.

In like manner in delivering matters of law, the author taketh not upon him to censure or approve this or that regulation or establishment; it being his province to inquire, not what the law ought to be, but what it is: and he hopeth that the few observations which will occur, will appear not to be strained or impertinent deductions, but naturally resulting from the undeniable evidence of facts.

It sometimes happeneth, that the same law falleth in under different titles. In which case, that
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each title may be as it were a compact treatise within it self, it is judged proper to insert that law under those several titles: repetition in such case being more eligible, than referring the reader to other parts of the book; as it is better to shew a man the way, than to send him elsewhere for information.

In citing authorities, the author hath deemed it indispensable, to attribute to every man what is his own; having often observed, not without some degree of indignation, authors of great name borrowing from others without acknowledging the debt. Therefore he alledgeth his vouchers upon all occasions, of what credit soever they may be; endeavouring at the same time, not to lay more burden upon any one than he can very well bear; but proportioning his authorities according to the difficulty and importance of the points to be discussed; not vouching authors of less eminent distinction, for positions of very great moment; nor thinking it needful to multiply authorities in points not controverted, where the first author hath delivered the law, and others only have copied after him.

A work composed of such a variety of materials, cannot in any respect be satisfactory, without searching the foundations; consequently, it hath been endeavoured to represent not only the law, but the history of that law, in its several gradations, from its first beginning under the Christian emperors till its arrival in England; from thence, during the Danish and Saxon periods, to the Norman conquest; from the Norman conquest, to the reformation; and from the reformation to the present time.

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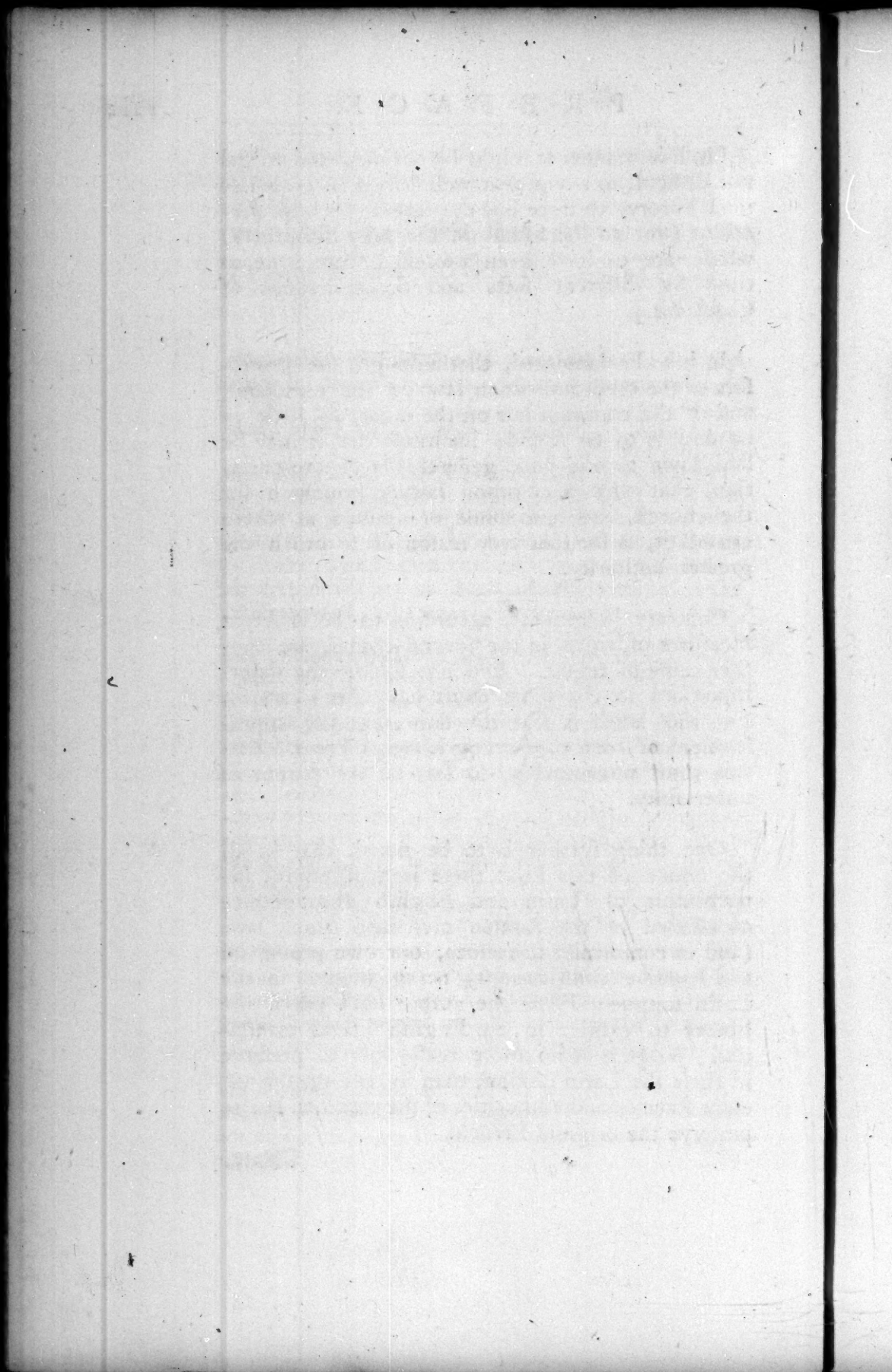
[In like manner it might be curious, and withal not difficult to any person well skilled in ecclesiastical history, to trace out the several peculiar *doctrines* (not to be found in the holy scriptures) which are or have been professed from time to time by different sects and denominations of Christians.]

It is to be lamented, that amongst the professors of the civil and canon law on the one hand, and of the common law on the other, so little of candour is to be found; inasmuch that it may be laid down as one good general rule of interpretation, that what a common lawyer voucheth for the church, and a canonist or civilian voucheth against it, is for that very reason of so much the greater authority.

Contrary judgments, according to the different measures of right in the several courts, are another cause of regret. And not seldom the determinations in the same court have been various. For tho' truth is still the same, yet the apprehensions of men concerning it are different. And this must unavoidably, so far, be the parent of uncertainty.

One thing further is to be noted, that in all the books of this kind there is a distasteful intermixture of Latin and English throughout; occasioned by the Roman civil and canon laws (and in conformity thereunto, our own provincial and legatine constitutions) being written in the Latin tongue: These the author hath taken the liberty to exhibit in an English literal translation; judging it no more reasonable to preserve in these the Latin diction, than in reciting the ancient statutes and authorities of the common law to preserve the original French.

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ABBOT is a word of oriental extraction, from the Syriac *Abba*, father; as that, from the Hebrew *Ab*, of the same signification: and, if we may ascend still higher, that word it self (as many others which occur in that language) proceedeth from the voice of nature; being one of the most obvious sounds, to express one of the first and most obvious ideas.

The general law concerning abbies and other religious houses, is inserted under the title *Monasteries*.

Abeyance.

ABEYANCE, from the french *bayer*, to expect, is that which is in expectation, remembrance, and intendment of law. By a principle of law, in every land there is a fee simple in some body, or else it is in *abeyance*; that is, though for the present it be in no man, yet it is in expectancy belonging to him that is next to enjoy the land. *1 Inst. 342.*

Thus if a man be patron of a church, and presenteth a clerk to the same; the fee of the lands and tenements pertaining to the rectory is in the parson: but if the parson die, and the church becometh void, then is the fee in *abeyance*, until there be a new parson presented, admitted, and inducted. For the frank tenement of the glebe of a parsonage, during the time the parsonage is void, is in no man; but in *abeyance*. or expectation, belonging to him who is next to enjoy it. *Terms of the law.*

Accession day. See *Holidays*.

Acolyth.

ACOLYTH, *acolythus*, ἀκολυθος, in our old english called a *colet*, was an inferior church servant, who next under the subdeacon waited on the priests and deacons, and performed the meaner offices of lighting the candles, carrying the bread and wine, and paying other servile attendance. *Kennet's Paroch. Antiq.* Gloss. v. *Acolyth.*

Administration.

THE administration of intestates effects, being connected in many particulars with the law concerning last wills and testaments; the whole is treated of together under the title *Wills*.

Admission. See *Benefice*.

Adultery. See *Lewdness*.

Advocate.

Who may be,

LINDWOOD says, that by the civil law none could be advocate, but he who had studied for five years. *Lind.* (Edit. Oxon.) 76.

But this is mitigated, by a constitution of archbishop *Peckham*, to three years: By which it is enjoined, that none shall be permitted to exercise the office of advocate, unless he shall have been for three years at least a diligent hearer of the canon and civil law. And he shall give proof of this by his own oath, if the same shall not appear by proper testimony, or by the notoriety of the fact. *Lind.* 75.

Generally, by the usage and practice of England and other countries at this day, a person may be admitted to this office, who has taken a doctor of laws degree. *Ayl. Parerg.* (2d Edit.) 54.

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By the statute of the 3^d c. 5. No recusant convict shall practise in the civil law as advocate. s. 8.

2. By the several stamp acts; every admission of any person to the office of advocate, shall be upon a treble 40s stamp.

3. *Otho.* He who desireth to be promoted to the office of advocate generally, shall make oath before the diocesan where he was born or doth inhabit, that in the causes which he shall undertake he will perform the part of a faithful patron, not to pervert or delay justice to the adverse party, but by defending the cause of his client by law and reason. Also in matrimonial causes and elections he shall not be admitted to plead, unless he will take the like oath particularly therein; nor in other causes before an ecclesiastical judge shall he be admitted for a longer space than three terms without such oath, unless it be in behalf of his own church, or for his lord, or known friend, or for a poor man, a stranger, or person in misery. And all who shall act contrary hereunto, shall be ipso facto suspended from their office until they shall make competent satisfaction, and shall be otherwise duly punished upon conviction of their offence. *Athon.* (Edit. Oxon.) 70.

And by a constitution of *Othobon*: No person shall be admitted to be advocate in any cause, unless he shall first produce a certificate of the said oath being made from the diocesan before whom he was sworn, or shall take such oath again. *Athon.* 123.

4. *Can.* 130. For the furtherance and increase of learning, and the advancement of civil and canon law; it is ordained, that no proctor exercising in any of the archbishop's courts, shall entertain any cause whatsoever, and keep and retain the same for two court days, without the counsel and advice of an advocate, under pain of a year's suspension from his practice: neither shall the judge have power to release or mitigate the said penalty, without express mandate and authority from the archbishop.

And by *Can.* 131. No judge in any of the said courts shall admit any libel or any other matter, without the advice of an advocate admitted to practice in the same court, or without his subscription; neither shall any proctor conclude any cause depending, without the knowledge of the advocate retained and fee'd in the cause: which if any proctor shall do or procure to be done, or shall by any colour whatsoever defraud the advocate of his duty or fee, or shall be negligent in repairing to the advocate and re-

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quiring his advice what course is to be taken in the cause; he shall be suspended from all practice for the space of six months, without hope of being thereunto restored before the said term be fully compleat.

In case of inhibitions.

5. *Can. 96.* No inhibition shall be granted out of the archbishop's court, at the instance of any party, unless it be subscribed by an advocate practising in the said court; which the said advocate shall do freely, not taking any fee for the same, except the party prosecuting the suit do voluntarily bestow some gratuity upon him for his counsel and advice in the said cause: The like course shall be used in granting forth any inhibition at the instance of any party by the bishop or his chancellor against the archdeacon, or any other person exercising ecclesiastical jurisdiction. And if in the court or consistory of any bishop there be no advocate at all; then shall the subscription of a proctor practising in the same court, be held sufficient.

Suborning witnesses.

6. *Otho.* All advocates shall take care that they do not suborn witnesses by themselves or by any other, or instruct the parties either to suggest what is false or suppress the truth. And all who shall act contrary hereunto, shall be ipso facto suspended from their office until they shall make competent satisfaction, and shall be otherwise duly punished upon conviction of their offence. *Athol. 70.*

Advowson.

Foundation of the right of advowson.

1. **T**HE right of advowson, or of presenting a clerk to the bishop, as often as a church becomes vacant, was first gained by such as were founders, benefactors, or maintainers of the church; either by reason of the foundation, as where the ancestor was founder of the church; or by donation, where he endowed the church; or by reason of the ground, as where he gave the soil whereupon the church was built. 1 *Inst. 119.*

For although the nomination of fit persons to officiate throughout the diocese was originally in the bishop, and in no other, yet when lords of manors were willing to build churches, and to endow them with manse and glebe, for the accommodation of fixed and residing ministers, the bishops on their part (for the encouragement of such pious undertakings) were content to let those lords have the nomination of persons to the churches so built and endowed

dowed by them; with reservation to themselves of an intire right to judge of the fitness of the persons so nominated. And what was the practice, became in process of time the law of the church. *Gibf.* (2d Edit.) 756.

They were called *advocati* and *patroni*, because they were bound to protect and defend the rights of the church, and their clerks, from oppression and violence. *Gibf.* 757.

2. The right of nominating, which at first was annexed to the person building or endowing the church, became by degrees appendant to the manor in which it was built. For the endowment was supposed to be parcel of the manor, and the church was built by such lord for the use of the inhabitants of this manor; and the tithes of the manor were also annexed to the church. Upon all which accounts it was most natural for the right of advowson (which was now become hereditary) to pass with the manor, or with such part of it, as might at any time be granted or aliened together with the advowson: to which (whether to the whole, or part) it is therefore said to be appendant; that is, to the demesnes, which are of perpetual subsistence, but not to rents or services, which (tho' parcel of the manor) may be extinguished, and cannot therefore support such appendancy. *Gibf.* 757. *Watf.* c. 7.

Advowson appendant.

If he that is seised of a manor, to which an advowson is appendant, grants one or two acres of the manor, together with the advowson; the advowson is appendant to such acre: especially after the grantee hath presented. *Watf.* c. 7.

But this feoffment of the acre with the advowson ought to be by deed, to make the advowson appendant; and the acre of land and the advowson ought to be granted by the same clause in the deed: for if one having a manor with an advowson appendant, grant an acre parcel of the said manor, and by another clause in the same deed grants the advowson; the advowson in such case shall not pass as appendant to the acre: but if the grant had been of the intire manor, the advowson would pass as appendant. So if an husband seized in right of his wife of a manor to which an advowson is appendant, doth alien the manor by acres to divers persons, saving one acre; the advowson shall be appendant to that acre. Or if a lessee for life of a manor to which an advowson belongs, alien one acre, with the advowson appendant, the advowson is thereby appendant to that acre. *Watf.* c. 7.

An advowson of a vicarage may be appendant to a parsonage, as being derived and endowed out of the same. Upon which account it is, that if a parson be patron of a vicarage, and doth lease the parsonage to another, the patronage of the vicarage shall pass as incident thereunto. And upon the same account, the rector of common right is ever esteemed patron of the vicarage, tho' by some ordinance or composition or by the king's grant it may be appointed and settled otherwise. And so may even an advowson of a vicarage be appendant unto other things, as to a manor, by reservation upon the appropriation, because the advowson of a rectory was appendant thereunto; as also by the grant of the parson, before the time of memory. And in this case, altho' the act of appropriation be not extant, yet the use of presenting time out of mind is a sufficient evidence of the appendancy to the manor, contrary to the common right. *Watf. c. 7.*

Advowson in
gross.

3. The right of advowson, tho' appendant to a manor, castle, or the like, may be severed from it; and being severed, is become an advowson in gross. And this may be effected divers ways: As, 1. If a manor or other thing to which it is appendant is granted, and the advowson excepted. 2. If the advowson is granted alone, without the thing to which it was appendant. 3. If an advowson appendant is presented to by the patron, as an advowson in gross. *Gibf. 757.*

A disappendancy may be also temporary; that is, the appendancy, tho' turned into gross, may return: As, 1. If the advowson is excepted in a lease of a manor for life; during the lease it is in gross; but when the lease expires, it is appendant again: 2. If the advowson is granted for life, and another enfeoffed of the manor with the appurtenances; in such case the reversion of the advowson passeth, and at the expiration of the grant, it shall be appendant: 3. If the advowson is allotted to one coparcener, and the manor to another, and she who had the advowson dies without issue, it is appendant again: And so, if the demesnes are allotted to the one, and the services to the other, the advowson becomes in gross; but if the one die without issue, and the manor descend to her who had the services, the advowson becomes appendant, as it was before: 4. If tenant in tail aliens some part of the manor with the advowson, and the alienee grants the advowson to a stranger; or if a common person hath an advowson appendant, and a stranger presents his clerk, who is in by six months; in both these cases, the advowson

son is made disappendant; but yet, if in the first case the land aliened is recovered by tenant in tail, and in the second case the rightful patron recovers, the appendancy returns: 5. Where an advowson is appendant to a manor, and the owner mortgages the manor in fee, excepting the advowson, by this means it is become in gross; but if the money be paid punctually at the day, then it is become appendant again, and if it is paid after the day, it is appendant in reputation, and may pass by the name of an advowson appendant, in a grant or other conveyance, tho' in reality the appendancy is destroyed; for if it is severed one instant from the manor by the act of the party, it is then in gross, and not appendant: 6. So where the owner of a manor, to which an advowson was appendant, accepts a fine of the advowson, with a grant and render back of every second turn; now, for such turn the advowson is in gross, but for other turns the appendancy still continues: But if a man levy a fine of the advowson, and accepts a grant and render, the appendancy is quite gone, because there was an instant of time, in which it became severed: 7. So where there are two coparceners of a manor to which an advowson is appendant, and they make partition of the manor, without taking notice of the advowson; at every other turn it is still appendant: But if there had been any express exception of the advowson, it would then be in gross. *Gibf. 757.*

But in the case of the king, by the statute of Prerogativa regis, 17 Ed. 2. c. 15. *When the king giveth or granteth land or a manor with the appurtenances; without he make express mention in his deed or writing of advowsons of churches when they fall, belonging to such manor or land, at this day the king reserveth to himself such advowsons, albeit that among other persons it hath been observed otherwise.*

Giveth or granteth] But when he restoreth, as in case of the restitution of a bishop's temporalities; then advowsons pass without express mention, or any words equivalent thereto. 10 Co. 64.

Without he make express mention] Either by name, or with the appurtenances, or as fully and perfectly, or in as ample manner and form, or the like; which have been adjudged equivalent to an express mention: because the grantee may inquire what the appurtenances were, and in what manner and form it was held; and forasmuch as the uncertainty may be reduced to a certainty by inquiry or circumstance, the grant is good. 10 Co. 64.

[*Other persons*] The law, in the case of a common person, is thus set down by Rolle, out of the ancient books: If a man seised of a manor to which an advowson is appendant, aliens that manor, without saying *with the appurtenances* (and much more without naming the advowson) yet the advowson shall pass; for it is parcel of the manor. 2 *Roll's Abr.* 60.

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a trust.

4. The right or property which a patron hath in an advowson, will not warrant a plea (as it is in temporal property) that he is seised in his demesne as of fee; but only, seised in fee. The reason of which is, because that inheritance favouring not *de dono*, cannot either serve for the sustentation of him and his household, nor can any thing be received for the same, for defraying of charges. And in the case of *John London* and the church of *Southwell*, where the words of the lease were, commodities, emoluments, profits, and advantages, to the prebend belonging; it was adjudged that the advowson could not pass by the said words, because all of them implied things gainful; which (as was added) is contrary to the nature of an advowson, regularly. 1 *Inst.* 17.

And hereby it appeareth, how the common law doth detest simony, and all corrupt bargains for presentations to any benefice; but that a fit person, for the discharge of the cure, should be presented freely without expectation of any thing. Nay so cautious is the common law in this point that the plaintiff in a *quare impedit* could recover no damages for the loss of his presentation, until the statute of the 13 *Ed. 1. c. 5.* And that is the reason that guardian in socage shall not present to an advowson, because he can take nothing for it, and by consequence he cannot account for it; and by the law he can meddle with nothing that he cannot account for. 1 *Inst.* 17.

Which said doctrine, and the plain tendency thereof, are exactly agreeable, not only to the nature of advowsons, which are merely a trust vested in the hands of patrons by consent of the bishop, for the good of the church and religion; but also to the express letter of the canon law, the rule of which is, that the right of patronage, being annexed to the spirituality, cannot be bought or sold. So that the notion and practice of making merchandise of advowsons and next avoidances, is not easily reconciled, either to the laws of the church, or to the ancient laws of the land, or to the nature of advowsons, considered as trusts for the benefit of mens souls. Nor doth it follow, either from the patron's being now vested with

with that right by the common law, or from its being annexed to a temporal inheritance, that it is itself a temporal inheritance, or ought (legally speaking) to be considered otherwise than as a spiritual trust; since it is certain, that the foundation of the right was the consent of the bishop; and as to what is called appendancy, it amounteth to no more than this, that a trust of a spiritual nature, and for spiritual ends, shall rest in the same person to whom the temporal inheritance doth belong. For the separation of advowsons from the manors, and the grants of next avoidances and the like, were steps taken afterwards, and what undoubtedly were never thought of by the bishop upon the first concession; who had nothing in his eye but the encouragement of such pious foundations, and a reasonable respect to the founder (who was supposed to dwell there) in the nomination of such a clerk as might be acceptable to himself; under the restraint, of being admitted or not admitted by the bishop. *Gibf. 758.*

The equity of which union of the advowson to the manor, seems to be the foundation of that maxim of the canon law, *jus patronatus transit cum universitate nisi specialiter excipiat*; and of the common law, that the advowson passeth with the manor of course, without any express words to convey it; for tho' it be otherwise in the case of the king, yet that is upon the foot of the statute of *Prerogativa regis*, and not of the common law. *Gibf. 758.*

To this purpose it is material, that the canon law expressly forbid the obtaining and procuring of next presentations; as we find in a decretal epistle of pope Alexander the third to the bishop of Exeter; upon which, the rule of the law is, that he who purchaseth an advowson ought to be deprived thereof. *Gibf. 758.*

5. Advowson being an inheritance incorporeal, and not How grantable.
lying in manual occupation, cannot pass by livery; but may be granted by deed, or by will, either for the inheritance, or for the right of one or more turns, or for as many as shall happen within a time limited. But this general rule with regard to advowsons in gross, next avoidances, and the like, is to be understood with two limitations:

(1.) That it extends not to ecclesiastical persons of any kind or degree, who are seised of advowsons in the right of their churches; nor to masters and fellows of colleges,

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nor to guardians of hospitals, who are seized in right of their houses: all these being restrained (the bishops by the 1 *El. c. 19.* and the rest by the 13 *El. c. 19.*) from making any grants but of things corporeal, of which a rent or annual profit may be reserved; and of that sort, advowsons and next avoidances, which are incorporeal and lie in grant, cannot be. And therefore such grants, however confirmed, are void against the successor; tho' they have been adjudged to be good against the grantors (as bishop, dean, master, or guardian) during their own times.

(2) Where the right of granting is absolute and indisputable; yet a grant cannot be made by a common person, whilst the church is void, so as to be intitled thereby to such void turn. For however the avoidance that shall happen next after, or the inheritance of the advowson, may be granted when the church is void; the void turn itself (being a mere spiritual thing, and annexed to the person of the patron) is not grantable: It is then (as the law books speak) a thing in power and authority, a thing in action and effect; the *execution* of the advowson, and not the *advowson*. This is the doctrine and language of all the books; which also say, that if two have a grant of the next avoidance, and one releaseth all right and title to the other while the church is void; such release for the same reason is void: But all this is to be understood of common persons only, and not of the king; whose grant of a void turn hath been adjudged to be good. *Gibf. 758. Watsf. c. 10.*

And with respect to *clergymen* in particular, it is enacted by the 12 *An. st. 2. c. 12.* as follows: *Whereas some of the clergy have procured preferments for themselves, by buying ecclesiastical livings, and others have been thereby discouraged; it is enacted, that if any person shall for any sum of money reward gift profit or advantage directly or indirectly, or for or by reason of any promise agreement grant bond covenant or other assurance of or for any sum of money reward gift profit or benefit whatsoever directly or indirectly, in his own name or in the name of any other person, take procure or accept the next avoidance of or presentation to any benefice with cure of souls dignity prebend or living ecclesiastical, and shall be presented or collated thereupon; every such presentation or collation, and every admission institution investiture and induction upon the same, shall be utterly void frustrate and of no effect in law, and such agreement shall be deemed a simoniacal contract; and it shall be lawful for the queen her heirs and successors, to present*

sent or collate unto, or give or bestow every such benefice dignity prebend and living ecclesiastical for that one time or turn only; and the person so corruptly taking procuring or accepting any such benefice dignity prebend or living, shall thereupon and from thenceforth be adjudged a disabled person in law to have and enjoy the same, and shall also be subject to any punishment pain or penally limited prescribed or inflicted by the laws ecclesiastical, in like manner as if such corrupt agreement had been made after such benefice dignity prebend or living ecclesiastical had become vacant; any law or statute to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

But this act being only restrictive upon clergymen, all other persons continue to purchase next avoidances as they did before, and present thereunto as they think proper.

6. As to advowsons in gros, there cannot be any descent thereof from the brother to the sister of the intire blood, but the same shall descend to the brother of the half blood, unless the first had presented to it in his life time, and then it shall descend to the sister, she being the next heir of the intire blood. *Watf. c. 8.*

How inherited from the ancestor.

So if one be seised of an advowson in fee, and the church doth become void, the void turn is a chattel; and if the patron dieth before he doth present, the avoidance doth not go to his heir, but to his executor. *Watf. c. 9.*

But if the incumbent of a church be also seised in fee of the advowson of the same church, and die; his heir, and not his executors, shall present: for altho' the advowson doth not descend to the heir till after the death of the ancestor, and by his death the church is become void, so that the avoidance may be said in this case to be severed from the advowson before it descend to the heir, and vested in the executor; yet both the avoidance and descent to the heir happening at the same instant, the title of the heir shall be preferred as the more ancient and worthy. *Watf. c. 9.*

7. By last will and testament, the right of presenting to the next avoidance, or the inheritance of an advowson, may be devised to any person; and if such devise be made by the incumbent of the church, the inheritance of the advowson being in him, it is good, tho' he die incumbent; for altho' the testament hath no effect but by the death of the testator, yet it hath an inception in his life time. And so it is, tho' he appoint by his will who shall be presented by the executors, or that one executor shall present

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present the other, or doth devise that his executors shall grant the advowson to such a man. *Watf. c. 10.*

But by a general devise of *lands*, an advowson in gross will not pass; but by the words *tenements and hereditaments* it will, for an advowson is an hereditament. *3 Atkyns, 460.*

8. Where there are divers patrons, and they vary in their presentment; if they be jointenants, or tenants in common of the patronage, the ordinary is not bound to admit any of their clerks, and if the six months pass, then he may present by the lapse; but he may not present within the six months, for if he do, they may agree and bring a quare impedit against him, and remove his clerk, and so the ordinary shall be a disturber. *Dr. & St. b. 2. c. 30.*

And by the canon law, where divers did present, being either coparceners, jointenants, or tenants in common, the bishop, if he pleased, might judge of the fitness of the clerks, and chuse which of them he would. *Gibf. 765.*

But by the common law, if the patrons have the patronage by descent, as coparceners; then is the ordinary bound to admit the clerk of the eldest sister; for the eldest shall have the preference in the law, if she will; and then at the next avoidance, the next sister shall present, and so by turns one sister after another, till all the sisters or their heirs have presented; and then the eldest sister shall begin again. And this is called a presenting by turn; and it holdeth alway between coparceners of an advowson, except they agree to present together, or that they agree by composition to present in some other manner; and if they do so, the agreement must stand. But if after the death of the common ancestor the church voideth, and the eldest sister presenteth together with another of the sisters, and the other sisters every one in their own name or together; in that case the ordinary is not bound to receive any of their clerks, but may suffer the church to lapse: for he shall not be bound to receive the clerk of the eldest sister, but where she presenteth in her own name. *1 Inst. 186. 243. 2 Inst. 364.*

And in this case, where the patrons vary in presentment, the church is not properly said to be litigious, so that the ordinary shall be bound at his peril to direct a writ to inquire of the right of patronage, for that writ lieth, where two present by several titles: but these patrons present all in one title, and therefore the ordinary may

may suffer it to pass, if he will, into the lapse. *Dr. & St. b. 2. c. 30.*

And the privilege of the elder sister to present first in turn, goes to her assignee: As in the case of *Buller* and the bishop of *Exeter*, Dec. 12: 1749. The estate of an advowson descended to two daughters as parceners. The church became vacant twice in their time, and both joined in presentation. The elder marries, settles her own estate in the common way, and dies. The other daughter, before it became vacant again, marries and makes a settlement of her part. A vacancy happening, *Buller* the husband of the elder, intitled to her estate as tenant by courtesy, or under the settlement, claims as in her turn, and presents. But the bishop objects thereto, because the younger sister and her husband, claiming an equal right to presentation as tenants in common, did not join. So that there being a litigation, he was willing to admit the person appearing to have right in courts of law. By Mr. Baron Clarke in the absence of the master of the rolls: I have always thought, that the many alternate presentations in this kingdom must have arisen from estates descending in parcenary, where advowsons are upon them. It is the only estate that I know of, which in course, and by operation of law only, falls on several persons making but one heir, without the intervention of conveyances by will or otherwise of the owner of the estate; which makes it, altho' in some instances partaking of a tenancy in common, different from that and from a jointenancy, which are made by conveyance, and descendible in a different manner. An advowson is a particular sort of an estate so descendible. And as it is impossible to be divided into parts so as to be enjoyed separately, it is natural to follow the course that has been practised, that each parcener should have a turn to present, and to prevent confusion begin with the eldest. And in all the cases where disputes have arisen, whether the assignee of the elder sister should have the same privilege, or whether it should go to the next sister, it hath been determined in favour of the assignee. *1 Vesey, 340.*

[Note, *Coparceners* are, where lands descend to daughters, sisters, or other females of kin in equal degree; these are but as one heir to their ancestor; and they or their heirs respectively hold the lands together, till a partition is made, either by mutual consent, or by the writ de partione facienda. *Jointenants* are, where lands are conveyed to two persons, or more, jointly; and these must

must jointly plead and sue, as coparceners must do; but jointenants have a sole and peculiar quality of survivorship, so as when one of them dies the survivor or survivors shall have the whole. *Tenants in common* are they, who have lands by several titles, and not by a joint title, and none of them knoweth his several part, but they occupy and take the profits in common.]

By the 13 *Ed. 1. ft. 1. c. 5.* When an advowson descendeth unto parceners, tho' one present twice, and usurpeth upon his coheir; yet he that was negligent shall not be clearly barred, but another time shall have his turn to present when it falleth. *f. 5.*

The clerk of a coparcener, being once compleat incumbent, tho' he is afterwards deprived, the turn is served; and so it is where by reason of some incapacity the institution was voidable by sentence declaratory, but not void, (as hath been held, in case a layman is presented;) because the church is full, until such sentence comes. But if, after presentation institution and induction, the church remains not only voidable, but by special declaration of the law merely and actually void (as for not reading the articles, or the like); there the turn is not served, but the presentor may present again, because the church was never full. *5 Co. 102. Gibf. 765.*

If a person presented by a coparcener, is incumbent, and deprived, and the next presents; notwithstanding that the second is compleat incumbent, yet if he is deprived, and the first restored, the turn is not served; because the restoring of the first is a recontinuing of his incumbency upon the foot of the former presentation institution and induction; who also dying incumbent, will be the last presentee. *5 Co. 102. Gibf. 765.*

By the statute of the 7 *An. c. 18.* If coparceners, or jointenants, or tenants in common be seised of any estate of inheritance in the advowson of any church or vicarage or other ecclesiastical promotion, and a partition shall be made between them to present by turns; thereupon every one shall be taken and adjudged to be seised of his or her separate part of the advowson to present in his or her turn; as if there be two, and they make such partition, each shall be said to be seised, the one of the one moiety to present in the first turn, the other of the other moiety to present in the second turn; in like manner, if there be three, four, or more, every one shall be said to be seised of his or her part, and to present in his or her turn.

And by the statute of the 13 *Ed. 1. ft. 1. c. 5.* Sometimes when an agreement is made between many claiming one
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advowson, and inrolled before the justices in the roll, or by fine, in this form, that one shall present the first time, and at the next avoidance another, and the third time another, and so of many in case there be many; and when one hath presented, and had his presentation, which he ought to have according to the form of their agreement and fine, and at the next avoidance he to whom the second presentation belongeth is disturbed by any that was party to the said fine, or by some other in his stead; it is provided, that from henceforth they that be so disturbed shall have no need to sue a quare impedit, but shall resort to the roll or fine; and if the said concord or agreement be found in the roll or fine, then the sheriff shall be commanded, that he give knowledge unto the disturber, that he be ready at some short day, containing the space of fifteen days or three weeks (as the place happeneth to be near or far) for to shew if he can alledge any thing, wherefore the party that is disturbed ought not to present: and if he come not, or peradventure doth come and can alledge nothing to bar the party of his presentation by reason of any deed made or written since the fine was made or inrolled, he shall recover his presentation with his damages.

And this extendeth, as well to strangers of blood, as to coparceners that are privy in blood; and if one of the parties or his heirs, or any stranger usurp in the turn of another, the party wronged is not driven to his quare impedit; for it may be, that the quare impedit, or assise of darrein presentment, may fail; and yet he may have remedy by this act; for albeit there be a plenarty by six months, yet the party may have a scire facias upon the roll or fine, and therein recover the presentation and damages. 2 Inst.

361. In the case of the bishop of Salisbury and Philips, M. II W. where two were seised in fee of the advowson in gross as jointenants, and by indenture agreed from thenceforth to be seised thereof as tenants in common, and not as jointenants, so as they and their respective heirs should present severally and by turns; Holt chief justice said, that a composition might be, either by record, or by deed, or by parol: That after the first way, if one present, the other was not by an usurpation put to a quare impedit; that by the second way the composition is good, and if it be once executed on all sides, he that brings a quare impedit need not mention the composition, which shews the very right and inheritance to be severed, and that a separate interest is vested in each, to present alternately; that the third way, may be between parceners, but between strangers

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strangers in blood composition cannot be without deed-
Gibf. 764. 1 Salk. 43. Carth. 505.

9. *M. 1700. Amburst and Dawling.* The defendant having mortgaged the manor of Thundersley to which an advowson was appendant, to the plaintiff, who brought the bill to foreclose, the church became void; the defendant moved the court for an injunction to stay the proceedings in a quare impedit brought by the plaintiff. By the court: Although the defendant Dawling hath no bill, yet being ready and offering to pay the principal, interest, and costs; if the plaintiff will not accept his money, interest shall cease, and an injunction shall be to stay proceedings in the quare impedit; for the mortgagee can make no profit by presenting to the church, nor can account for any value in respect thereof, to sink or lessen his debt; and the mortgagee therefore in that case, until a foreclosure, is but in the nature of a trustee for the mortgagor.—And the like order was made between *Jory and Cox*; where the defendant had an injunction against the plaintiff, to stay his presenting to a church, that became vacant pending the suit. *2 Vern. 401.*

So in the case of *Gully and Selby, M. 7 G.* It is a rule in equity, that though in the case of a mortgage in fee the legal right of presentation is vested in the mortgagee; yet they will interrupt that presentation and compel the ordinary to institute the clerk of the mortgagor any time before foreclosure; it not being any part of the profits of the estate. *Str. 403.*

H. 1726. Gardiner and Griffith. Samuel Gardiner, the plaintiff's father, being possessed of a long term for ninety nine years of the advowson of Eckington, made a mortgage thereof to the defendant by way of assignment of the term, upon condition to be void on payment of the mortgage money and interest at the end of the year, and there was a covenant in the mortgage deed, that on every avoidance of the church the mortgagee should present. Several years after, the mortgagor died. It was admitted by the lord chancellor and by the counsel on both sides, that if there be a mortgage made of a manor, and an advowson appendant, before the mortgage is foreclosed (though the mortgagee be in possession) yet the mortgagor shall present if the church becomes void; for the presentation is to be presumed to yield no profit, and consequently cannot be accounted for. But the case here was said to differ; nothing being mortgaged here but the advowson: so that the mortgagee could have no other satisfaction,

faſion, than by providing for a child relation or friend, on the church's becoming void; and the rather for that it was the expreſs agreement in the mortgage deed, that as often as the church ſhould become void, the mortgagee ſhould preſent: which expreſs agreement would be good even in caſe of a mortgage of a manor with an advowſon appendant; and this was ſtill ſtronger, as it was in the caſe of a perſiſhing term, where every preſentee or incumbent would have an eſtate for life in the church: to which the court, though they gave no opinion, yet ſeemed to incline. But it appearing, that this bill againſt the mortgagee and his preſentee was brought ſeven months after inſtitution, the lord chancellor diſmiſſed the bill; declaring, that as a quare impedit was confined to the ſix months after the death of the laſt incumbent, ſo the bill ſeeking to compel the defendant to reſign, and conſequently to deprive him of his living, ought by the ſame reaſon to be limited to the ſame time; and the relieving againſt this would be to relieve againſt an act of parliament, which had punctually been obſerved for ſome hundreds of years, ever ſince the 13 Ed. 1. and that the ſix months time ought to be as much obſerved here as at law, in regard it tendeth to the peace of the church: Indeed, had a quare impedit been brought within the ſix months, and the bill been preferred after the ſix months, the court might, on a proper caſe, give directions in aid of the quare impedit, that the mortgage ſhould not be given in evidence; but here there was no quare impedit brought, and the bill came out of time. Wherefore by the court: Diſmiſs the bill as to that part which ſeeks to compel the defendant to reſign his living; but let the plaintiff redeem the mortgage, on payment of principal, intereſt, and coſts. 2 P. Will. 404.

Aug. 11. 1747. *Mackenzie and Robinſon.* A petition was preſented on behalf of a mortgagor, that the mortgagee of a naked advowſon ſhould accept of his nominee, and preſent him upon an avoidance, the incumbent being dead. On behalf of the mortgagee it was inſiſted, that as there was a large arrear of intereſt, he ought to preſent, if any advantage accrues from it. And for this purpoſe was cited the caſe of *Gardiner and Griffith.*—By the lord chancellor Hardwicke: I am of opinion that the mortgagor ought to nominate; and that it is not preſumed any pecuniary advantage is made of a preſentation. To be ſure, theſe are but ſlender ſecurities; but the mortgagee ſhould have conſidered it before he lent his money;

and instead of a bill of foreclosure, as he hath done in this case, he should have prayed a sale of the advowson. The next day he mentioned that he was not quite clear as to this point, and that he had looked into the case of *Gardiner and Griffith*, according to the state of it in the house of lords, where the decree of lord chancellor King was affirmed. He said that was a mixed case, and that he doubted himself whether a covenant that the mortgagee should present (as was the case there) was not void, being a stipulation for something more than the principal and interest, and the mortgagee cannot account for the presentation. He adjourned it for further consideration to the next day of petitions. On which day this petition came on again. And the mortgagee not being able to find any precedent in his favour, gave up the point of presenting, and an order was made that the mortgagor should be at liberty to present, and the mortgagee was obliged to accept of the mortgagor's nominee. 2 *Atkyns*, 559.

Advowson in tenant by courtesy.

10. If a woman that hath an advowson, or part of an advowson, to her and her heirs, doth take an husband; the husband may not only present jointly with his wife, during the coverture, but also having issue by her, after her death (though the right of patronage, so far as it was in the wife, descends to her heir; and though the wife did never present to it, but died before the church voided) the right of presenting during the husband's life is lodged in him, as tenant by courtesy, though his wife had but a seisin in law, because he could by no industry attain to any other seisin. And if the church, in this case of the husband, void during his life, and then he die before the church is filled; yet the heir shall not have the turn, but the husband's executor. And if the church being void, the wife dies, having had no issue, so that the husband is not tenant by courtesy, yet he shall present to the void turn. *Watf. c. 9*:

Advowson in tenant in dower.

11. If a man that is seised of an advowson takes a wife, and dies; the heir shall have two presentments, and the wife the third; yea, and though the husband in his life time had granted away the third turn: that is, the wife may in a proper action recover the third presentation as her dower, or it may be assigned to her for dower; but without such recovery or assignment, the wife cannot make title to the advowson, or to any presentation, no more than she can enter by her own authority into any other lands or tenements to which she hath right of dower. Or if a manor, to which an advowson is appendant, doth

doth descend to an heir, and he assigns dower to his mother of the third part of the manor with the appurtenances; she is thereby endowed of the third part of the advowson, and may have the third presentment. *Watf. c. 9.*

12. *M. 4 G. 2. Robinson and Tonge.* In the chancery: Upon debate it was held, that an advowson in fee was real assets in the hands of the heir for payment of debts. And the decree was affirmed in the house of lords. *Str. 879. Viner. Assets. A. 28.*

Advowson assets for payment of debts.

13. If two patrons present to one and the same church by several titles, the church is become litigious; because the bishop knows not which clerk to admit: And it seemeth, that the church is not less litigious, though they both present the same person; because when the bishop admits him as the clerk of the one, he puts the other out of possession, and consequently to his action; and the bishop becomes a disturber, if he who is put out of possession prove to have the better title. *Deg. p. 1. c. 3.*

Trial of the right of advowson in the spiritual court, by *jus patronatus*.

But if two jointenants or tenants in common present several clerks, this doth not make the church litigious; for the bishop may admit the clerk of which he pleases: or if they do not agree and join in presenting a clerk within the six months, the bishop may collate. *id.*

Also where one patron doth present his clerk before any other hath presented, the church is not yet litigious; therefore if the bishop doth refuse him, he is a disturber: and though another should after present, whereby the church then doth become litigious, yet that will not excuse the bishop from being a disturber if the first patron be upon trial found to have the better title; nor can he have the benefit of lapse, though no action be brought against him, which makes it safe for the bishop to receive him that comes first. But then a question may be made, How can a church (the bishop acting thus safely for himself) ever become litigious; and how can it be truly said, that the bishop may justly refuse both clerks upon account of two several patrons making their several presentments to him, unless the presentees should happen to tender their presentments at one and the same time, which is not to be supposed? In answer to which, — It is true that if the bishop doth unjustly refuse the clerk of the true patron before any other presentment is made, although the church by another person's presenting after doth become litigious, he will not be excused (the true patron prevailing at law) from being a disturber; but there is a great difference betwixt the bishop's suspending the admission

and institution of a clerk, and his absolute refusal of him. A bishop is not bound instantly upon the presentment tendered to admit, if he hath other business in hand, but may appoint the clerk to repair to him at another time to receive admission and institution. And when a person is presented to him, he may take competent time to examine his sufficiency, and inquire and inform himself of his conversation. And by a hasty admission of the clerk of a disturber, the bishop might do great wrong in surprising other patrons that have right: and the law doth not so hasten the bishop's proceeding, but that he may take convenient time to examine the clerk, that other pretenders may take notice of the vacancy. *Watf. c. 20. Deg. p. 1. c. 3.*

But in case the patron feareth that the bishop will admit another clerk, or be not yet resolved of his clerk, he may enter a caveat with the bishop not to admit the clerk of any other; and though this do not so bind up the bishop that he cannot admit the clerk of another person, yet if the bishop will presume to do it without a *jus patronatus*, he may bring himself under several inconveniences. *Deg. p. 1. c. 3.*

But a caveat entred during the life of the incumbent, is of no force. This was resolved in the case of *Hutchins and Glover, H. 15 Ja.* where the caveat was entred when the incumbent lay *in extremis*; and it had been declared in the spiritual court, that the institution afterwards given was void; for so is the rule of the canon and civil law, that a caveat may be entred where a person feareth a future damage: but in this particular it is of no force, because contradicted by the common law. However, where such suspicion is, that a title may probably be usurped upon an avoidance, it is a safe and advisable course to enter a caveat before the incumbent dies; which will be a restraint upon the ordinary from admitting any clerk hastily, though not in law, yet in equity and prudence. *Cro. Ja. 463. Gibf. 778.*

But nevertheless an admission contrary to the caveat entred, is good in law: That is to say, the admission, institution, and induction thereupon shall stand to all intents and purposes by the rules of the common law; in the eye of which the caveat is said to be only a caution for the information of the court (like a caveat entred in chancery against the passing of a patent, or in the common pleas against the levying of a fine); but that it doth not preserve the right untouched, so as to null all subsequent

quent proceedings; nor hath it ever been determined, that a bishop became a disturber by giving institution without regard to a caveat; on the contrary, it was said by Coke and Doderidge, that they have nothing to do with a caveat in the common law. *Gibf. 778.*

Now the church being become litigious, the bishop in such case, in order to secure himself, ought to award a *jus patronatus* to inquire of the right; which is merely an inquest of office, in nature of a writ *de proprietate probanda*. *Deg. p. 1. c. 3.*

And this process is part of the ancient inquisition, that we read of in our elder constitutions and records; which includes, not only an inquiry into the points immediately relating to the right of patronage, but also into the qualifications of the persons presented, and such other heads as the bishop thought it proper for him to be informed of. And this inquisition (however now grown to be occasional only, when churches happen to be litigious) seems anciently to have been issued of course, upon every presentation made, and antecedent to the admission and institution thereupon. *Gibf. 778.*

It hath been a question, whether the bishop is bound to sue the *jus patronatus* at his own cost and peril, or only at the prayer, and at the cost of the party that prays it, or of both parties: but the better opinion seems to be, and so is the practice, that the same is to be sued at the prayer and at the cost of one of the parties that prays it, or of both the parties if they join. *Deg. p. 1. c. 3. Watsf. c. 21.*

And if the bishop refuseth to award it accordingly, tho' he may not be sued in the spiritual court, yet he thereby brings upon himself divers inconveniencies: he becomes a disturber; and he hinders the lapse, if the clerk is not admitted in six months; and (as Hobart held) if such patron makes good his title by due form of law, and did not name the bishop in the quare impedit, he may have an action upon the case against the bishop, and recover the costs and damages he hath sustained by reason of a wrongful admission of the bishop without the awarding of a *jus patronatus* as aforesaid. But if the bishop happens to admit him who upon trial appears to have the better title, then the other is without all remedy against the bishop. *Gibf. 778. Deg. p. 1. c. 3. Watsf. c. 12.*

Also either of the contending parties may demand a *jus patronatus* singly. *Gibf. 778.*

But in case the bishop delay to admit the true patron's clerk, he may sue a duplex querela out of the arches, to

command the bishop to admit his clerk; and then, if the bishop do not admit the clerk within nine days, or the space assigned by the duplex querela, or return a legal cause why he doth it not, the metropolitan may admit the clerk in the ordinary's default. *Deg. p. 1. c. 3.*

But the bishop may return, if the truth be so, that the church is litigious, and that he cannot admit the clerk till the right be determined in a jus patronatus; which will excuse him. *id.*

But the surest and safest way in this case is, if the bishop delay the true patron, immediately to sue a quare impedit, and thereupon a ne admittas to the bishop; and then if the bishop after the receipt of such writ, admit the clerk of any other person, without a verdict in a jus patronatus, the true patron may have a writ called a quare incumbavit, against the bishop, and may therein recover the presentation with damages. *id.*

The jus patronatus being awarded, is to be executed according to the form of proceeding in the ecclesiastical courts.

Which is thus:

The bishop, if he pleaseth, may sit himself as judge; but the usual way is by commission issued to his chancellor, or to such other person or persons as he shall judge proper, skilled in the canon and ecclesiastical laws. *Deg. p. 1. c. 3.*

These commissioners the bishop doth appoint to sit in the void church on a certain day; and doth decree a monition against the patrons presenting and the clerk presented, to be present there at the day appointed, to see the proceedings. *Clarke, Tit. 98.*

Also the bishop is to decree, and send forth a publick edict, against all having or pretending to have any interest or right of presenting to the vacant church, to appear at the day and place appointed, to shew their right. And this public edict is to be affixed to the door of the void church, in time of divine service. *id.*

And at the day appointed for this enquiry, the person or persons executing the aforesaid mandates or citations, are to make oath of the due execution thereof; or the execution of them may be certified under some authentic seal, as of the archdeacon, or commissary. *Clarke, Tit. 100.*

Against which day the bishop is also to summon a jury for this purpose by way of citation; which jury is to consist

first of six clerks and six laymen, that live near to the void church; or of as many more as the bishop pleases, the proportion being observed of clergy and laity, that there be as many of the one sort as of the other. *Clarke, Tit. 98. Watsf. c. 21.*

When the commissioners are set, they are to give directions to open the court; and the commission is presented, and read.

After which, the parties cited, and those of the jury are to be publicly called; and if any of the jury appear not, being duly summoned, they may be punished, that is to say, the clergymen by sequestration, and the laymen by excommunication, and so be compelled to appear. *Clarke, Tit. 100. Watsf. c. 21.*

But if twelve of the jury appear, that is, six of each sort, it is sufficient. *Clarke, Tit. 100.*

And if others cited appear not, they are to be pronounced contumacious; and the proceedings are to go on notwithstanding, and in *pœnam contumaciæ* of them that do not appear. *id.*

If six clergy and six laymen appear to be of the jury, which is the competent number, they are to be sworn faithfully to inquire of the articles; and in swearing them, first a clerk, then a layman is to be sworn, till a jury of twelve or more is made up. *Clarke, Tit. 100. Watsf. c. 21.*

Which articles are to contain the particulars about which the jury are to inquire; namely, 1. Whether the church be void, and how it became void. 2. Who presented at the last preceding avoidance, and at the two foregoing avoidances. 3. Whether the persons presenting presented in their own right. 4. In whom the inheritance of the advowson is, and who ought to present to the void turn. 5. Whether any of the clerks presented be known or suspected to be guilty of any crime, rendering him incapable of admission to the said benefice, as heresy, simony, perjury, adultery, drunkenness, or such like. *Clarke, Tit. 99. Watsf. c. 21.*

Then the counsel and advocates of both parties are to shew their respective clients titles, and to produce their evidences, and prove the same. *Clarke, Tit. 100.*

And after the evidence is given on both sides, and counsel fully heard, the jury may give their verdict at any time the same day; or if the cause be doubtful, the judge may assign them a longer time for to consider of

the matter, and assign also a place where they shall give their verdict. *Clarke, Tit. 100.*

And according to the verdict given, the bishop admits and institutes the person in whom the right is found. Not that he is absolutely bound to do this, or that the admission and institution of another is void in law; but this, generally speaking, is the fairest and most impartial way; and the bishop by doing otherwise, brings upon himself the inconveniencies which accrue upon the refusal to award a jus patronatus. *Deg. p. 1. c. 3. Watsf. c. 21.*

But suppose the jury will not agree of their verdict, and the one half be for the one patron, and the other half for the other patron; or that they refuse to give any verdict at all; or if they find a special verdict, as it seemeth that they may; or if (where two patrons have each a jus patronatus) there is a verdict in favour of each patron; it seemeth in these cases, that the bishop (inasmuch as he hath done his duty) may refuse both, without subjecting himself to any of the said inconveniencies: though it is affirmed by some, that in such cases he may award a second jus patronatus. *Gibf. 779. Watsf. c. 21. Deg. p. 1. c. 3.*

And it is to be observed, that after a verdict found in a jus patronatus for the patron, the patron must again request the bishop to admit his clerk; otherwise, if the church lapse after six months, the bishop may collate. *Deg. p. 1. c. 3.*

It is to be observed further, that a church may again become litigious, if after verdict given upon a jus patronatus, another clerk is presented by a patron whose right was not discussed in the jus patronatus, before admission is requested of any clerk by him for whom the verdict was found. In this case a new jus patronatus upon request is to be awarded. But if one hath presented, and his title is found upon a jus patronatus, and then requests the bishop to have his clerk admitted, and afterwards another presents; in this case the bishop should for his safety admit the clerk of him for whom the verdict is found, because otherwise the church becomes litigious by his delay, which will make him a disturber; and if he doth not admit, but suffers lapse to come to himself, and then collates, it is said he is a disturber against both presenters. And in this case, in an action brought against the bishop, and the special matter being made appear by the pleading, the issue shall be, whether he for whom the title was found, did sue to have his clerk admitted, and whether

the second presented so hastily to the bishop, that he could not admit the clerk of the first before the second presentation was made. *Watf. c. 20. Deg. p. 1. c. 3.*

But after all, the effect of this suit is no more but for the bishop's security, that he may avoid being a disturber; for the verdict of this jury is a sufficient warrant for the bishop to admit and institute his clerk, for whose title the verdict is given; and the bishop for so doing shall never be made a disturber, though the other patron against whom the verdict is given shall after recover in a quare impedit or other action: but this doth not at all bind the title or right of the party; for that must be done by some of the methods hereafter following. *Deg. p. 1. c. 3.*

Concerning others than bishops who have power to grant institution, it is ordained by a constitution of archbishop Peccham, that no dean, or other prelate (except the bishops, whose authority is not intended to be restrained by this constitution) shall make inquisition concerning the matter of presentation of any person to an ecclesiastical benefice, but in a full chapter of the place, having first cited him who hath possession of the church in such reasonable time, as he may have opportunity to advise with learned counsel and provide for his defence. And whatsoever shall be done contrary to this ordinance, shall be void; and the dean or prelate that made the clandestine inquest shall make satisfaction for the damages which such possessor hath suffered; and the ambitious aggressor shall be excluded from such benefice for ever, and from accepting any other benefice for three years. *Lind. 217.*

That no dean] That is, dean of any cathedral or collegiate church, or other dean to whom by prescription, or privilege, or otherwise, it appertaineth to grant institution. *Lind. 217.*

Shall make inquisition] By which, inquiry is to be made of the right of presentation, and the qualifications of the person presented, and also of the avoidance of the church, and the manner of the avoidance, and other articles usually inquired of in such cases. For he who instituteth, before his admission of the person presented, ought carefully to inform himself of all these things. *Lind. 217.*

Of the place] This may be understood of the church itself, to which the presentation is made. *Lind. 217.*

14. Albeit by the canon law the right of advowson is to be tried in the ecclesiastical court, yet the common

advowson, *darrein presentment*, and *quare impedit*: under which are included *indecavit*, *ne admittas*, *quare incumbavit*, and *quare non admittit*.

Trial in the temporal courts; by writ of right of also the writs of

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law will not suffer this; and the reason is, because advowsons were generally appendant to manors or to the demesnes, and passed along with them, unless a particular exception was made. *Lind. 217. Ken. Impr. 99.*

The writ of right of advowson (breve de recto advocacionis) was so called from those words in the writ, whereby it is commanded, *quod plenum rectum teneas de advocacione*. By this the inheritance of the advowson might be recovered, but the incumbent could not be removed. *Gibbs 784.*

And this writ lieth only for him that hath an estate, or right of estate, in the advowson, to him and his heirs in fee simple; and is disturbed to present upon an avoidance; having not brought any action of quare impedit or darrein presentment within six months. *Godolph. Repertorium Canonicum. 648.*

Darrein presentment is a writ which lieth, where a man or his ancestor hath presented a clerk to a church, and afterwards (the church becoming void by the death of the said clerk or otherwise) a stranger presenteth his clerk to the same church, in disturbance of him who had last or whose ancestor had last presented. *Terms of the Law.*

Quare impedit is a writ which lieth also, where one hath an advowson, and the parson dies, and another presents a clerk, or disturbs the rightful patron to present. And this writ was provided chiefly for the sake of *purchasers* of advowsons, who could not have the writ of darrein presentment; but so, that all who may have that writ, may have this of quare impedit, if they please. *T. L.*

Unto the writ of right of advowson belongeth the writ of *indicavit*, which is a writ of prohibition that lieth for the patron of a church, whose clerk is defendant in the ecclesiastical court in an action for tithes, commenced by another clerk, and extending to the fourth part of the value of the church at least. *T. L.*

This writ is not returnable; but if they cease not their suit, he shall have an attachment. *T. L.*

But at this day, writs of *indicavit* and of right of advowson (as well as all other real actions) are grown almost obsolete, and seldom put in practice. *Deg. p. 2. c.*

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In pursuance of the writs of darrein presentment and quare impedit, there is another writ called *ne admittas*; which is, where one hath an action of darrein presentment or quare impedit, depending in the common pleas; and he supposeth that the bishop will admit the clerk of the defendant pending the plea betwixt them: in such case a writ issues to the bishop, requiring him not to admit a parson to such a church, until the right shall be determined. *Fitzherb. Natura Brevium. 87.*

And the writ of *ne admittas* must be sued within the six months after the avoidance; for after the six months a man shall not have this writ, because then the bishop may collate for lapse; and therefore it is in vain then to sue for the writ, because the title to present is devolved to the bishop. *F. N. B. 87.*

And if notwithstanding the *ne admittas*, the bishop doth admit the clerk of any other person, pending the suit, and he who brought the *ne admittas* doth recover; then he shall have a writ of *quare incumbavit* to the bishop, that he appear and shew why he hath incumbered the church. *F. N. B. 111.*

And if it be found by verdict, that the bishop hath incumbered the church, after a *ne admittas* delivered to him, and within six months after the avoidance; damages are to be awarded to the plaintiff, and the bishop directed to disincumber the church. *F. N. B. 111.*

Quare non admisit is a writ that lies where a man hath recovered an advowson, and sends his clerk to the bishop to be admitted, and the bishop will not receive him; then he shall have the said writ against the bishop. *T. L.*

By the statute of magna charta, 9 H. 3. c. 13. *Assises of darrein presentment shall be always taken before the justices of the bench, and there shall be determined.*

The reason of which was for expedition, that lapse might not incur. *2 Inst. 27.*

But this is altered, as will appear, by subsequent statutes.

By the 52 H. 3. c. 12. *In assises of darrein presentment, and in a plea of quare impedit, of churches vacant, days shall be given from fifteen to fifteen, or from three weeks to three weeks, as the place shall happen to be near or far. And in a plea of quare impedit, if the disturber come not at the first day that he is summoned, nor cast no essoin, then he shall be at-*
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tached at another day; at which day if he come not, nor cast no essoin, he shall be distrained by the great distress; and if he come not then, by his default, a writ shall go to the bishop of the same place, that the claim of the disturber for that time shall not be prejudicial to the plaintiff: saving to the disturber his right at another time, when he will sue therefore.

In assises of darrein presentment, and in a plea of quare impedit] This act extendeth not to a writ of quare non admittit, nor to an incumbravit; but only to the assise of darrein presentment and quare impedit; and the reason thereof is, for fear of the lapse. 2 Inst. 124.

Days shall be given from fifteen to fifteen] By assent of parties, a longer day may be given than is prescribed by this act; but that assent must be entred of record. 2 Inst. 124.

And it is to be observed, that by the common law great delays are disallowed in four kinds of actions, viz. in all writs of dower, quare impedit, assise of darrein presentment, and assise of novel disseisin; and therefore no protection shall be allowed, or essoin de servitio regis shall be cast in any of them. 2 Inst. 124.

In a plea of quare impedit, if the disturber come not] At the common law, in a quare impedit, the process was summons, attachment, and distress infinite; which was mischievous in respect of the lapse: now it is provided, that if he appear not at the grand distress, judgment shall be given for the plaintiff, and a writ to the bishop awarded. 2 Inst. 124.

Nor cast no essoin] Of essoins there have been five kinds, 1. De servitio regis. 2. In terram sanctam. 3. Ultra mare. 4. De malo lecti, called in the old books essonium de resiantisa. 5. De malo veniendi: And this last is the common essoin, which is intended in this act. 2 Inst. 125.

In a quare impedit, or darrein presentment, an essoin of the service of the king, to the holy land, or beyond the sea, lieth not, for doubt of the lapse; but a common essoin lieth. 2 Inst. 125.

A writ shall go to the bishop] Upon these words of the act, the plaintiff shall have writ to the bishop, without making of any title. 2 Inst. 125.

And he shall have also besides, a writ to inquire of damages. 2 Inst. 125.

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If the bishop be out of the realm ; a writ to the bishop may be awarded to his vicar general, for he is in the place of the bishop. 2 *Inst.* 125.

If the defendant appear at the grand distress, and take a day by prece partium, and after make default ; no writ shall be awarded to the bishop : for this case, in respect of his appearance, is out of the statute. But a new distress shall be awarded. 2 *Inst.* 125.

By the 3 Ed. 1. c. 51. *Forasmuch as it is great charity to do right unto all men at all times, when need shall be ; by the assent of all the prelates it is provided, that assises of novel disseisin, mortdauncestor, and darrein presentment shall be taken in advent, septuagesima, and lent, even as well as inquests may be taken ; and that, at the special request of the king made unto the bishops.*

By the assent of all the prelates] Which is expressed, not that the prelates assented alone, but to manifest that this act concerning the crossing of a canon of the church, was enacted by their assents. 2 *Inst.* 265.

Shall be taken in advent, septuagesima, and lent] The cause of the making of this statute doth manifestly appear by Britton, who being bishop of Hereford, and expert both in the common and canon law, in his chapter of the challenge of jurors saith thus : “ If sufficient jurors appear, some are removable for just challenge of the parties, and also in respect of the time ; for all things are not fit for all seasons : for it is forbidden by the canons of holy church upon pain of excommunication, that from the septuagesima until eight days after easter, and from the beginning of advent until eight days after the ephiphany, or in the days of the four times (that is, the ember days appointed for publick fasts four times in the year), or in the days of the great letanies, or in rogation or *gange-days*, or in the week of pentecost, or in time of harvest, or of vintage which endureth from the feast of St. Margaret (which is the twentieth of July) until fifteen days after the feast of St. Michael the archangel, or in the solemn feasts of the acts of saints, no man be sworn upon the holy evangelists, nor any secular plea be holden in the times aforesaid ; but that all these times be given for prayer to God, and to appease debate, and to accord them that be at discord, and to gather the fruits of the earth, whereof the people

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“ people may live, which are works of piety and charity.” 2 *Inst.* 264.

By the 13 Ed. 1. ft. 1. c. 5. *Whereas of advowsons of churches there be but three original writs, that is to say, one writ of right and two of possession, which be darrein presentment and quare impedit; and hitherto it hath been used in the realm, that when any having no right to present, had presented to any church whose clerk was admitted, he that was very patron could not recover his advowson, but only by a writ of right, which should be tried by battel or by great assize; whereby heirs within age, by fraud, or else by negligence of their wardens, and heirs both of great and mean estate, by negligence or fraud of tenants by the curtesy, women tenants in dower, or otherwise, for term of life, or for years, or in fee tail, were many times disinherited of their advowsons, or at least (which was the better for them) were driven to their writ of right, in which case hitherto they were utterly disinherited; it is provided, that such presentments shall not be so prejudicial to the right heirs, or to them unto whom such advowsons ought to revert after the death of any persons; for as often as any, having no right, doth present during the time that such heirs are in ward, or during the estates of tenants in dower, by the curtesy, or otherwise for term of life, or of years, or in tail, at the next avoidance, when the heir is come to full age, or when after the death of the tenants before named the advowson shall revert unto the heir being of full age, he shall have such action by writ of advowson possessory, as the last ancestor of such an heir should have had at the last avoidance happening in his time, being of full age before his death, or before the demise was made for term of life, or in fee tail, as before is said. The same shall be observed in presentments made unto churches, being of the inheritance of wives, what time they shall be under the power of their husbands, which must be aided by this statute by the remedy aforesaid. Also religious men, as bishops, archdeacons, parsons of churches, and other spiritual men, shall be aided by this statute, in case any having no right to present, do present unto churches belonging to prelacies, spiritual dignities, parsonages, or to houses of religion, what time such houses, prelacies, spiritual dignities, or parsonages be vacant. §. 1.*

Neither shall this act be so largely understood, that such persons for whose remedy the statute was ordained, shall have the recovery aforesaid, surmising that guardians of heirs, tenants in tail, by the curtesy, tenants in dower, for term of life, or for years, or husbands, which faintly have defended pleas moved by them, or against them; because the judgments given in
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the king's courts shall not be adnulled by his statute, the judgment shall stand in his force, until it be reversed in the court of the king as erroneous, if error be found; or by assise of darrein presentment, or by inquest by a writ of quare impedit, if it be passed, or be adnulled by attain, or certification, which shall be freely granted. And from henceforth one form of pleading shall be observed among justices in writ of darrein presentment and quare impedit, in this respect, if the defendant alledgeth plenarty of the church of his own presentation, the plea shall not fail by reason of the plenarty; so that the writ be purchased within six months, tho' he cannot recover his presentation within the six months. And where it chanceth, that after the death of the ancestor of him that presented his clerk unto a church, the same advowson is assigned in dower to any woman, or to tenant by the curtesy, which do present, and after the death of such tenants the very beir is disturbed to present when the church is void; it is provided, that from henceforth it shall be in the election of the party disturbed, whether he will sue a writ of quare impedit, or of darrein presentment. The same shall be observed in advowsons demised for term of life, or years, or in fee tail. §. 2.

And from henceforth in writs of quare impedit and darrein presentment, damages shall be awarded, that is to wit, if the time of six months pass by the disturbance of any, so that the bishop do confer to the church, and the very patron loseth his presentation for that time; damages shall be awarded for two years value of the church. And if the six months be not passed, but the presentment be deraigned within the said time, then damages shall be awarded to the half year's value of the church. And if the disturber have not whereof he may recompence damages, in case where the bishop conferreth by lapse of time; he shall be punished by two years imprisonment; and if the advowson be deraigned within the half year; yet the disturber shall be punished by the imprisonment of half a year. §. 3.

And from henceforth writs shall be granted for chapels, prebends, vicarages, hospitals, abbies, priories, and other houses which be of the advowsons of other men, that have not been used to be granted before. And when the parson of any church is disturbed to demand tithes in the next parish by a writ of indicavit; the patron of the parson so disturbed shall have a writ to demand the advowson of the tithes being in demand; and when it is deraigned, then shall the plea pass in the court christian, as far forth as it is deraigned in the king's court. §. 4.

§. 1. That where any having no right to present, had presented] By this it appeareth, that no plenarty doth put the

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the patron that hath title to present, out of possession, but only plenarty by presentation : but plenarty by collation doth put him that had right to collate, out of possession. 1 *Inst.* 344. 2 *Inst.* 356.

Had presented to any church] This is intended of a church presentative. 2 *Inst.* 356.

Whose clerk was admitted] Albeit that *admitted* in its proper sense is, when the bishop upon examination findeth him able ; yet here it is taken for institution : because that before institution, the rightful patron is not put out of possession. And it is to be observed, that by the institution the church, as to all common persons, is full as to the spirituality, that is, the cure of souls, which the bishop by the act of institution hath committed to him ; but before induction, the parson hath not the temporalities belonging to his rectory. 2 *Inst.* 356.

But the church is not full against the king before induction ; because in the king's case plenarty is to be intended of a full and compleat plenarty, as well to the temporalities as to the spirituality. 2 *Inst.* 356.

And if there be an usurpation upon the king, by a compleat plenarty ; the king cannot present to the church, before he hath removed the incumbent by quare impedit ; lest contentions might grow in the church between the several claimers of the benefice, to the disturbance or hindrance of divine service ; and this was by the common law. 2 *Inst.* 357.

But in that case, the king is only put out of possession as to the bringing of an action ; but the inheritance of the advowson is not devested out of him. 2 *Inst.* 357.

He that was very patron could not recover his advowson] At the common law, if a stranger had presented his clerk, and he had been admitted and instituted to a church, whereof any subject had been lawful patron ; the patron had no other remedy to recover his advowson, but a writ of right of advowson, wherein the incumbent was not to be removed. And so it was at the common law, if an usurpation had been had upon an infant or feme covert, having an advowson by descent, or upon tenant for life, or the like ; the infant, feme covert, and he in the reversion were driven to their writ of right of advowson ; for at the common law, if the church were once full, the incumbent could not be removed, and plenarty generally was a good plea in a quare impedit or assise of darrein presentment,

ment, and the reason of this was, to the intent that the incumbent might quietly intend and apply himself to his spiritual charge; and the law did intend, that the bishop that had cure of souls within his diocese, would admit and institute an able man for the discharge of the spiritual function, and that the bishop would do right to every patron within his diocese. But at the common law, if any had usurped upon the king, and his presentee had been admitted instituted and inducted (for without induction the church had not been full against the king), the king might have removed him by *quare impedit*, and have been restored to his presentation; for therein he hath a prerogative, that *nullum tempus occurrit regi*; but he could not present, for the plenarty barred him of that, neither could he remove him any way but by action, to the end the church might be the more quiet in the mean time; neither did the king recover damages in his *quare impedit* at the common law. But this statute hath altered the common law in all these cases. 1 *Inst.* 344. 2 *Inst.* 356.

But only by a writ of right] This is to be understood, where the patron had a fee simple, and that he or some of his ancestors had presented: but if the patron claimed the fee simple of the advowson by purchase, and had never presented; there he could have no writ of right of advowson, but before this statute had lost the advowson. And likewise if tenant in tail, or tenant for life had suffered any usurpation; they had been remediless by the common law, because they could have no writ of right. 2 *Inst.* 357.

Which should be tried by battel] This is an ancient trial in our law, which the defendant might chuse in divers cases, as especially here in a writ of right.

Or by great assise] This, in general, is a writ that lies, where any man is put out of his lands or tenements, or of any profit to be taken in a certain place; and so, disseised of his freehold. *Terms of the L.*

It is provided, that such presentments] The words before going, to which these have reference, extend only to heirs in ward; but these words are to be expounded of such presentments as are within the same mischief: and therefore this act extends to heirs of advowsons, tho' they be out of ward. 2 *Inst.* 357.

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Shall not be so prejudicial to the right heirs] This act relieveth only infants that have advowsons by descent; for if an infant hath an advowson by purchase, he remaineth at the common law, and is not remedied by this act. 2 *Inst.* 357.

And this being a law that suppresseth wrong, and advanceth right, doth bind the king, tho' he be not named in the act. 2 *Inst.* 358.

Or to them unto whom such advowsons ought to revert after the death of any persons] That is, to those heirs that have the reversion of the advowson by descent; but the heir of him in the remainder is not within the purview of this act. 2 *Inst.* 358.

After the death of any persons] That is, of tenant by the curtesy, tenant in dower, or otherwise for life, or for years, or in fee tail. 2 *Inst.* 358.

The same shall be observed in presentments made unto churches being of the inheritance of wives] But if a feme covert hath an advowson by purchase, and not by inheritance; she is not within the remedy of this act. 2 *Inst.* 359.

Also religious men, as bishops, archdeacons, parsons of churches, and other spiritual men shall be aided by this statute] By this presentation and usurpation in time of vacation, albeit the freehold and inheritance is in abeyance; yet the usurper gaineth a fee simple in the advowson: like as if one entrench into lands during the vacation, and claimeth the same as his inheritance, he gaineth an inheritance by wrong. But yet as the dying seised of lands in that case during the vacation shall not take away the entry of the successor, no more shall the usurpation during the vacation take away the right of presentation when the church becomes void: and if he be disturbed he shall have his quare impedit. 2 *Inst.* 359.

S. 2. *The plea shall not fail by reason of the plenarty]* By the common law, plenarty before the writ of quare impedit brought was a good plea, but plenarty hanging the writ was no bar at the common law; but now by this statute, plenarty is no plea in a quare impedit or darrein presentment, unless it be by the space of six months before the quare impedit brought; for if the rightful patron bring his action within the six months, it is maintainable by this statute; which short purview doth remedy many mischiefs at the common law. 2 *Inst.* 360.

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But this doth not bind the king; for plenarty by the space of six months is no bar against him; for he may have his quare impedit when he will; and that, whether he claimeth in the right of his crown, or in the right of a subject. 2 *Inst.* 360.

So that the writ be purchased within six months] And because this computation doth concern the church, it is great reason that it shall be made according to the computation of the church, which churchmen do best know: and therefore the computation shall be made according to the kalendar for one half year; and not accounting twenty eight days to the month. 2 *Inst.* 360.

The very heir is disturbed to present] Hereby the heir in reversion is provided for, and not the lessor himself. And albeit tenant by curtesy, tenant in dower, tenant for life, or tenant in tail presented last; yet the heir to whom the reversion falleth in possession, shall have by this branch an assise of darrein presentment, albeit the heir or his ancestor did not immediately present before. 2 *Inst.* 361.

S. 3. *Damages shall be awarded]* Before the making of this act, the plaintiff in a quare impedit recovered no damages, lest any profit the patron should take should favour of simony, which the common law did detest. And this is the cause that the king in a quare impedit recovereth no damages; because he could recover none by the common law, and the king is not within the purview of this clause. 2 *Inst.* 361.

And forasmuch as no damages were in a quare impedit at the common law, and this act after the statute of Gloucester (which gave costs in certain cases) giveth damages only; therefore in this case the plaintiff shall recover no costs. 2 *Inst.* 362.

But in the case of *Holt and Holland, M. 33 C. 2.* where the question was, whether the plaintiff in a quare impedit should have costs, it was ruled, that if it is a quare impedit by the common law, there can be no costs; if by statute, there must be costs: and if the church is full of the defendant by institution, then it is a quare impedit within this statute of the 13 *Ed. 1. c. 5.* if not, it is at the common law. *Skin. 25.*

So that the bishop do confer to the church] Albeit the bishop hath not collated, yet if he hath the right of collation, the plaintiff shall, if he will, recover double damages within the meaning of this act. But if, notwithstanding

the bishops's title to collate, the church remaineth void, the plaintiff may recover his presentation; and if he doth, the damages shall be only for half a year: in which case he hath his election, either to lose his presentation, and have double damages; or to have his presentation with single damages. 2 Inst. 362.

For two years value of the church] And this shall be accounted according to the true value, as the same may be letten. 2 Inst. 362.

S. 4. *Shall have a writ to demand the advowson of the tithes]* By the common law, if the incumbent of one patron demanded tithes against the incumbent of another patron, the writ of indicavit did lie; for that the right of the patronage should come in question: for by the presentation of the patron, his incumbent is to have the tithes, which are the profits of the church. And in a writ of right of advowson, the patron shall alledge the esplees (or profits) in his incumbent in taking of the great and small tithes; and therefore if the right of tithes came in question, that concerned the right of advowson, the writ of indicavit did lie. 2 Inst. 363.

The mischief before this statute was, that seeing the right of tithes could not be tried between the two persons after the indicavit granted, the person prohibited was without remedy for trial of the right of tithes; and therefore this act doth give the patron, whose clerk is prohibited, a writ of right of advowson of tithes; and if the right be tried for the demandant, the cause shall be removed into the court christian. 2 Inst. 363.

But what if the patron hath but an estate for life, so as he cannot have this writ of right of advowson; what remedy shall be had for trial of the right of tithes in this case? It seemeth, that by construction of this statute, the defendant in the indicavit appearing upon the attachment, shall plead to the right of the tithes in the king's court: or otherwise he shall be without remedy. 2 Inst. 364.

By the 13 Ed. i. st. i. c. 30. *Assises of darrein presentment, and inquisitions of quare impedit shall be determined in their own shire before one justice of the bench, and one knight, at a day and place certain in the bench assigned, whether the defendant consent or not; and there the judgment shall be given immediately.*

The reason of making this statute was in respect of the danger of lapse; and therefore in favour of the patrons it is provided that the justices of nisi prius shall have power to give judgment in these two actions. 2 Inst. 424.

And altho' the words be, *that there the judgment shall be given immediately*; yet if the justices of nisi prius do not give judgment, upon the return of the postea judgment may be given by the court to which the return is made: for by these words the higher court is not restrained. 2 Inst. 424.

And this act, giving to the justices of nisi prius power to give judgment, they have thereby a power inclusive, as incident thereunto, given them to award execution, that is, a writ to the bishop. But that writ is not returnable: But after the record be returned into the common bench, if the former writ be not executed, that court may grant a writ of sicut alias, returnable into that court. 2 Inst. 424.

By the 34 Ed. 1. st. 1. (de conjunctim feoffatis): *Forasmuch as pleas in court spiritual heretofore had many times unmeet delays, for that our writ that is called indicavit was many times brought before the judges, of such matters when they were begun, and thereupon our chief justices could not proceed lawfully nor in due manner to award a writ of consultation upon such manner of process; it is agreed, that such a writ of indicavit shall not be granted from henceforth to any, before the matter hanging in the spiritual court between the parties be recorded, and that our chancellor shall be certified thereof, by the sight and inspection of the libel.*

By the statute of articuli cleri, 9 Ed. 2. st. 1. c. 2. *If debate do arise upon the right of tithes, having its original from the right of patronage, and the quantity of the same tithes do come unto the fourth part of the goods of the church; the king's prohibition shall hold place, if the cause come before a judge spiritual.*

By the 12 Ed. 2. c. 4. *As to the inquests to be taken upon writs of quare impedit, it shall be done as is contained in the statute of the 13 Ed. 1. st. 1. c. 30. And the justices shall have power to record nonsuits and defaults in the country, and to give judgment thereupon, as they do in the bench, and there to report that which they have done, and there to be inrolled. And if it happen that the justice or justices that shall be assigned to take such inquests in the country do not come, or if they come*

into the country at the day assigned, yet the parties and persons of such inquests shall keep their day in the bench.

By the 14 Ed. 3. ft. 1. c. 16. *The justices of assise and nisi prius shall have power to give judgment in the country, in pleas of darrein presentment and quare impedit.*

By the 1 Mar. sess. 2. c. 5. *Whereas by the statute of the 32 H. 8. c. 2. in some cases prescription is limited to sixty years, and in other cases to fifty years, which being not disproved shall after trial had be a bar for ever to all writs in such cases; and a doubt hath been whether the same shall extend to a writ of right of advowson, a quare impedit, jure patronatus, or assise of darrein presentment, where the claimant cannot lay the esplees, seisin, or presentment in him, his ancestors, or predecessors, or in him or them by whom they claim, within sixty years next before: it is enacted, that the same shall not extend to any writ of right of advowson, quare impedit, or assise of darrein presentment, nor jus patronatus; but that all persons may maintain and pursue the same as they might have done before the making of the said act.*

It hath been generally received for law, that if one who is not a rightful patron doth in due form of law, without any corrupt contract, present a clerk to a presentative living, in time of peace (when the courts are open, and consequently the rightful patron is at liberty to bring his quare impedit within the six months if he pleaseth), and such presentation taketh effect, and institution and induction be had thereupon, and the clerk remains six months in possession before the true patron commenceth his suit; he thereby becomes a lawful incumbent, and may enjoy the living during his life. And altho' formerly the true patron might, on the next avoidance, recover his ancient right in many cases, yet he could not do it in all; but in some was for ever barred of any remedy. But now by the statute of the 7 An. c. 18. *Forasmuch as the pleading in a quare impedit is found very difficult, whereby many patrons are either defeated of their rights of presentation, or put to great charge and trouble to recover their right; it is therefore enacted, that no usurpation upon any avoidance in any church, vicarage, or other ecclesiastical promotion, shall displace the estate or interest of any person intitled to the advowson or patronage thereof, or turn it to a right; but he that would have had a right if no usurpation had been, may present or maintain his quare impedit upon the next or any*
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other avoidance (if disturbed) notwithstanding such usurpation. Watf. c. 7.

By the 20 G. 2. c. 52. All titles and suits and actions of quare impedit, are excepted out of the general pardon granted by that act.

By the 24 G. 2. c. 48. intituled. An act for the abbreviation of Michaelmas term :—Whereas before the making of this act, all writs of summons to warrant against the vouchers upon common recoveries had, in writs of entry, and writs of right of advowson were made for five returns inclusive; for the more speedy perfecting of such recovery, it is enacted, that every such writ of summons, to warrant upon the appearance of the tenant to every such writ of entry and writ of right of advowson, shall be abridged to four returns inclusive. s. 8.

An assise of darrein presentment no man can have, without alledging a presentment in his own time. 2 Inst. 355.

A writ of right of advowson a purchaser cannot have, without alledging a presentation in his own time: But a quare impedit a purchaser may have, and alledge a presentation in him from whom he purchased the same; and to that end was the quare impedit provided, for remedy of such purchasers. 2 Inst. 355.

And seeing the writ of quare impedit doth lie for all persons who may maintain an assise of darrein presentment, it seems to be the safest course to bring that writ upon any disturbance: But altho' it be said that a man may in many cases have either writ, yet in no case can he maintain both; therefore if the plaintiff hath brought a quare impedit upon a disturbance, and hanging the same, doth bring an assise of darrein presentment against the same defendants, the defendants may in pleading shew this special matter in certain, and aver that both writs are upon the same avoidance; and the writ of darrein presentment will be abated. And if an assise of darrein presentment be first brought, and after that a quare impedit for the same avoidance; the assise shall abate, and the quare impedit shall stand; for the quare impedit is of an higher nature than the assise. Watf. c. 22.

When by the judgment in a quare impedit the inheritance, estate, or interest of the patron that presented is to be divested, such patron ought to be named in the writ; because the patronage should else be recovered against him

who had nothing in the patronage, namely, the clerk; and it is not reason that he who is patron should be dispossessed and ousted of his patronage, when he is a stranger and not party to the action, especially when he may be made a party. *Watf. c. 24.*

And not only the patron, but also his incumbent, must be named in the writ; for if an incumbent at the time of purchasing the original writ be admitted and instituted at the presentation of any one, altho' the ordinary and his patron be named, yet such incumbent that is not mentioned shall not be removed, but only the patronage recovered. *Watf. c. 24.*

And in some cases it is necessary also to name the ordinary in the writ; for if the patron be disturbed in presenting, and the church be not filled, the ordinary is to be named in the writ, or else he will collate hanging the suit by lapse; whereas if he be named, he must either disclaim, and then judgment may be had against him, or else he must plead, and so allow himself to be a disturber, and being made party to the action, he is barred of the advantage of lapse. *Watf. c. 24.*

Quare impedit is a possessory action, and therefore not to be maintained without a possession; for which reason the plaintiff must always declare upon a presentation made by himself or his ancestor, or one whose estate he hath, or by the grantee of the next avoidance, or by his lessee for life or for years. *3 Salk. 293.*

But yet the want thereof may be cured by verdict. *Str. 1006.*

In all writs of quare impedit, the test of the writ ought to be made the very day it is taken out, and not at any time before, and this by reason of the lapse. *Watf. c. 23.*

The process in quare impedit are summons, attachment, and distress peremptory. And the sheriff must summon the defendant by good summoners, and return their names upon the original writ, and not return common summoners, as John Doe and Richard Roe; for a writ of deceit lieth, if the summons were not made indeed. But if the king be plaintiff and the defendant be not summoned, nor attached, nor distrained, and the king hath judgment by default, no writ of deceit lieth. *Watf. c. 26.*

By a constitution of archbishop Langton, If two are presented to one and the same church, the custody thereof shall be given to neither of them, pending the suit. And if the right of collating to such church shall lapse to the bishop; in such case,
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lest either of the parties should be prejudiced by the bishop's collation, who shall afterwards carry his cause as to the right of patronage, it is decreed, that the bishop shall collate neither of those who have been presented to the same church for that turn, unless by consent of both the patrons. *Lind. 215.*

And by the statute of the 3 Ed. 1. c. 28. None of the king's clerks, nor of any justicer, shall receive the presentment of any church, for the which any plea or debate is in the king's court, without special licence of the king; and that the king forbiddeth, upon pain to lose the church, and his service.

The mischief before which act was, that pending a suit for a church in the king's court, the one party or the other would present the chaplain of the king, or of some of the judges, the more to countenance the one party, and discourage the other: and at that time the mischief was greater, because if the clerk of an usurper was instituted, the true patron had no remedy, but by a writ of right of advowson. *2 Inst. 212.*

And by the statute of the 13 Ed. 1. st. 1. c. 49. it is enacted as followeth: *The chancellor, treasurer, justices, nor any of the king's counsell, no clerk of the chancery, nor of the exchequer, nor of any justice or other officer, nor any of the king's house, clerk nor lay, shall not receive any church nor advowson of a church, land nor tenement in fee, by gift nor by purchase, nor to farm, nor by champerty, nor otherwise, so long as the thing is in plea before us or before any of our officers; nor shall take no reward thereof. And he that doth contrary to this act, either himself or by another, or make any bargain, shall be punished at the king's pleasure, as well he that purchaseth, as he that doth sell.*

In assise of darrein presentment, six of the jury ought to have the view of the church, to the intent that they may put the plaintiff into possession if he do recover. *Watf. c. 26.*

Judgment being given, the effects thereof are, that in an assise of darrein presentment, he that prevails shall recover the presentment, and six of the jury who had view of the church may put the plaintiff into possession if he doth recover. In a quare impedit, he that recovers, recovers the advowson as well as the presentment. But in both writs, by the very judgment absolutely given there is this effect of the judgment, that the incumbent that was in a church when the writ was brought, if named in the writ, is actually removed; but if not named in the writ, he shall never be removed. *Watf. c. 28.*

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Another effect of a judgment given in a quare impedit or darrein presentment is, that he for whom the judgment is given shall recover as well his damages, as his presentment and advowson, by the aforesaid statute of the 13 Ed. 1. ff. 1. c. 5. *Watsf. c. 28.*

And the recoverer shall have a writ to the bishop to admit his clerk. *Watsf. c. 28.*

By a constitution of archbishop Boniface, *If when a man hath recovered his right of patronage in the king's court, the king doth write to the bishop or to any other who hath power to grant institution, that he admit the clerk presented by such person having so recovered as aforesaid; the clerk presented shall be freely admitted, if the benefice be vacant, and there be no other canonical impediment, that the patron be not injured. But if the benefice be not vacant, the prelate may excuse himself to the king or his justices, by answering, that because the benefice is not vacant, he cannot therefore fulfil the king's mandate. But the patron may, if he pleaseth, present again the person who is in possession; that so the right of him who hath so recovered may be declared for the future.*

Or to any other who hath power to grant institution] As, the dean, or archdeacon, or other such like: who may have such power by custom, prescription, or special privilege. *Lind. 217.*

Shall be freely admitted] That is, without making any inquisition of the right of patronage; because it is enough that the king by his letters testifieth that he hath obtained the right of patronage in his court. *Lind. 217.*

The king doth write to the bishop] That is, by writ issuing out of his court. And if the bishop, upon receipt of the writ, doth not admit the clerk; another writ shall issue, which is called the writ of quare non admisit. *Watsf. c. 28.*

And it is said, the very judgment in a quare impedit is an amotion of the incumbent, though he continue still the possession de facto; and if the plaintiff be instituted upon a writ to the bishop, the defendant cannot appeal; and if he doth, a prohibition lieth: because in this case the bishop acts as the king's minister, and not as a judge, *3 Salk. 294.*

After all, the learning concerning darrein presentment seems now to be entirely obsolete. Before the statute of the 7 An. abovementioned, the determination upon a darrein presentment was conclusive, as between the pa-

tron or his heirs and a stranger: for, till then, the full possession of the advowson was in him who presented last and his heirs; unless, since that presentation, the clerk had been evicted within six months, or the rightful patron had recovered the advowson in a writ of right, which is a title superior to all others. But that statute having given a right to any person to bring a quare impedit, and to recover (if his title be good) notwithstanding the last presentation, by whomsoever made; assises of darrein presentment, now not being in any wise conclusive, have been totally disused, as indeed they began to be before; a quare impedit being a more general, and therefore a more usual action. For the assise of darrein presentment lies only where a man hath an advowson by descent from his ancestors; but the writ of quare impedit is equally remedial whether a man claims title by descent or by purchase.

3 Blackst. 245.

Form of the grant of a perpetual advowson.

THIS indenture made the ——— day of ——— in the ——— year of the reign of our sovereign lord ——— of Great Britain France and Ireland king, defender of the faith, and so forth, and in the year of our Lord ——— Between A. B. of ——— in the county of ——— esquire, of the one part, and C. D. of ——— in the county of ——— gentleman, of the other part; Witnesseth, that the said A. B. for and in consideration of the sum of ——— of lawful money of Great Britain, to him in hand paid at or before the sealing and delivery hereof, the receipt whereof he the said A. B. doth hereby acknowledge, and himself therewith fully satisfied and paid, and thereof and of every part thereof doth hereby acquit release and for ever discharge the said C. D. his heirs executors and administrators and every of them by these presents, And also for divers other good causes and valuable considerations him the said A. B. thereunto moving, he the said A. B. Hath given and granted, and by these presents doth fully freely and absolutely give and grant unto the said C. D. his heirs and assigns for ever, All that the advowson of the rectory or parsonage of E. in the county of ——— And all the estate right title interest property claim and demand whatsoever of him the said A. B. of in and to the said advowson, and to the donation presentation and free disposition and right of patronage of the said church: To have and to hold the said advowson and premises aforesaid hereby given and granted, or meant mentioned or intended to be hereby

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hereby given and granted, with the appurtenances, unto him the said C. D. his heirs and assigns, to and for the sole and only proper use and behoof of the said C. D. his heirs and assigns for ever, and to and for no other use intent or purpose whatsoever. And the said A. B. hath granted, and by these presents doth grant for himself and his heirs, that they will warrant to the said C. D. and his heirs the aforesaid advowson of the said church and premisses aforesaid and every of them, with the appurtenances, unto him the said C. D. his heirs and assigns, against him the said A. B. his heirs and assigns, and against all persons whatsoever claiming or to claim the same, or any right or title thereunto, by from or under him them or any of them. And the said A. B. doth hereby for himself his heirs executors and administrators, covenant promise grant and agree to and with the said C. D. his heirs executors administrators and assigns, and to and with every of them by these presents, in manner and form following; that is to say, that he the said A. B. is at the time of the sealing and delivery hereof, and until the execution of these presents, the true right and undoubted patron of the said church of E. and of the rectory aforesaid; and hath good right, full power, and lawful and absolute authority, to grant and convey the same to the said C. D. his heirs and assigns in manner and form as aforesaid: And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said C. D. his heirs and assigns, from time to time, and at all times for ever hereafter, whenever the said church shall or may, by the death, resignation, deprivation, cession, or change of all or any the rectors or incumbents thereof, or otherwise, happen to become vacant, to present some other honest learned and well qualified clerk, to succeed in the said church as the rector or parson thereof, and to do all other acts which to the office of patron of the said rectory doth of right belong or appertain, as fully and amply as he the said A. B. his heirs or assigns might or could do, if these presents had not been made, without any let, suit, hindrance, molestation, interruption or disturbance whatsoever of or from him the said A. B. his heirs or assigns, or any other claiming under him, them, or any of them: And that he the said A. B. his heirs and assigns, and all other persons whatsoever having or claiming any right or title to the said advowson under him or them, shall and will from time to time, and at all times hereafter, upon the reasonable request, and at the proper cost and charges of the said C. D. his heirs and assigns, in the law, make, do, levy, execute and suffer all and every such further and other lawful and reasonable act and acts, grant and grants conveyances and assurances in the law whatsoever, for the farther, better, and more perfect and absolute granting, conveying,

ing, and assuring of the said adwovson of the said church to the said C. D. his heirs and assigns, be it by grant, confirmation, fine, or recovery, or in any other manner as by the said C. D. his heirs and assigns, or his or their counsel learned in the law, shall be reasonably devised, advised or required: All which further and other assurance and assurances, so to be made of the said premisses, shall be and enure, and shall be adjudged deemed and taken to be and enure, and are hereby declared to be and enure, to the sole only and proper use of the said C. D. his heirs and assigns for ever, and to and for no other use intent or purpose whatsoever. In witness whereof the parties abovesaid to these presents have interchangeably set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

Grant of a next avoidance.

THIS indenture made the — day of — in the year of our Lord — Between A. B. of — in the county of — gentleman, of the one part; and C. D. of — in the county of — gentleman, of the other part; Witnesseth, that the said A. B. for divers good causes and considerations him the said A. B. thereunto moving, hath given and granted and doth by these presents give and grant unto the said C. D. his executors administrators and assigns, the first and next donation nomination presentation and free disposition of the rectory or parsonage of the church of E. in the county of F. And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said C. D. his executors administrators and assigns, whensoever, howsoever, and by whatsoever means, by death resignation privation cession permutation or by any other ways or means whatsoever the aforesaid church of E. shall first or next happen to be void, to present any one fitting honest and learned man thereunto; and to do all other things which belong to the office and duty of a patron; and to do, for the fulfilling of such first and next vacation or avoidance only, as fully and amply, as he the said A. B. in that behalf might do if these presents had not been made. And the said A. B. doth hereby for himself, his heirs executors administrators and assigns, covenant promise and grant to and with the said C. D. his executors administrators and assigns, that he the said A. B. hath full power and lawful authority to give grant and dispose of the next presentation of and in the aforesaid rectory and church of E. to the said C. D. his executors administrators and assigns as aforesaid. And further that he the said A. B. his heirs or assigns shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter, at the reasonable request and costs and charges of him the said C. D. his executors administrators and

and assigns make do and execute, or cause to be made done and executed, such further and other reasonable act and acts, thing and things, conveyance and assurance in the law whatsoever, for the further better and more absolute giving and granting of the said next presentation of in and to the aforesaid rectory and church of E. unto him the said C. D. his executors administrators and assigns, as by him the said C. D. his executors administrators and assigns, or his or their counsel learned in the law, shall be reasonably devised or advised and required. In witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first abovewritten.

Agnus dei. See **Papery**.

Alienation of glebe lands. See **Glebe lands**.

Alimony. See **Marriage**.

Alms chest. See **Church**.

Altarage.

AL TARAGE comprehends not only the offerings made upon the altar; but also all the profit which accrues to the priest by reason of the altar, *obventio altaris*, God. Reportor. Canon. 339.

Out of these, the religious assigned a portion to the vicar; and sometimes the whole altarage was allotted to him by the endowment. *Id. Introd.* 51.

Since the reformation, divers disputes have arisen, what dues were comprehended under the title of *altaragium*; which were thus determined in a trial in the exchequer, *M. 21 Eliz.* viz: Upon hearing of the matter, between *Ralph Turner*, vicar of West Haddon, and *Edward Andrews*; it is ordered, that the said vicar shall have by reason of the words *altaragium cum manso competentis* contained in the composition of the profits assigned for the vicar's maintenance, all such things as he ought to have by these words according to the definition thereof made by the reverend father in God John bishop of London, upon conference with the civilians David Hewes judge of the admiralty, Bartholomew Clerk dean of the arches, John Gibson, Henry Joanse, Lawrence Hewes, and Edward Stanhope, all doctors of the civil law; that

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is to say, by *altaragium*, tithes of wool, lambs, colts, calves, pigs, goslings, chickens, butter, cheese, hemp, flax, honey, fruits, herbs, and such other small tithes, with offerings that shall be due within the parish of West Haddon. And the like was for Norton in Northamptonshire, in the same court within two or three years before, upon hearing, ordered in like manner. *Ken. Par. Ant. Gloss. God. 339.*

Yet it seems to be certain, that the religious when they allotted the altarage in part or in whole to the vicar or capellane, did mean only the customary and voluntary offerings at the altar, for some divine office or service of the priest, and not any share of the standing tithes, whether prædial or mixt. *Ken. Par. Ant. Gloss.*

And in the case of *Franklyn* and the master and brethren of *St. Crofs. T. 1721*; it was decreed, that where *altaragium* is mentioned in old endowments, and supported by usage, it will extend to small tithes, but not otherwise. *Bunb. 79.*

It is most probable, that the greatest annual revenue by altars, if not by altarages, in any one church within this realm, was in that of *St. Paul, London*. For when the chantries were granted to king *Hen. 8.* whereof there were 47 belonging to *St. Paul's*, there were in the same church at that time no less than 14 several altars. And although they were but chantry priests that officiated at them, and had their annual salaries on that account, distinct from altarages in the proper sense of oblations; yet in regard these annual profits accrued by their service at the altar, they may not improperly be termed *pension altarages*, though not *oblation altarages*. *God. Introd. 51.*

Anabaptists. See Dissenters.

Anabata.

ANABATA, is a cope, or sacerdotal vestment, to cover the back and shoulders of the priest. *Kent. Par. Ant. Gloss. v. Anabata.*

Annals.

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ANNALS, were masses said in the romish church, for the space of a year, or for any other time, either for the soul of a person deceased, or for the benefit of a person living, or for both. *Aylif. Parerg.* 190.

Anniversaries.

ANNIVERSARIES, were offices celebrated, not only once at the end of the year, as obits were; but were to be performed every day throughout the year, for the soul of the deceased. *Ayl. Parerg.* 190.

Answer.

AFTER contestation of suit, and the oath of calumny taken by both the litigants, the next thing which follows in course of practice, if a suit proceeds, is the demanding and giving in of personal answers. Which are made in writing to the several articles or positions of a libel, or to any other judicial matter exhibited in court.

And these answers ought to be made, in very clear and certain terms; and upon the oath also of the person that exhibits them, unless it be in a criminal cause, wherein no one is bound to accuse himself.

For personal answers are therefore provided in law, that by the help of them, the adverse party may be relieved in the matter of proof. And if these answers are not clear, full, and certain; they are deemed and taken in law as not given at all: and upon a motion made, the judge ought, by an interlocution, to enjoin new answers: it being the same thing to give no answer at all, as to give a general and insufficient answer.

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A personal answer therefore ought to have these three qualities in it; First, it ought to be pertinent to the matter in hand. Secondly, it ought to be absolute and unconditional. And, thirdly, it ought to be clear and certain. *Ayl. Parerg.* 65.

Antiphonar.

THE antiphonar, *antiphonarium*, from *anti contra*, and *phon sonus*, is that book which containeth the invitatories, responsories, verses, collects, and whatever is said or sung in the quire, called the seven hours, or breviary. *Lind.* 251.

Apparitor.

1. APPARITORS (so called from that principal Who. branch in their office, which consisteth in summoning persons to *appear*) are officers appointed to execute the proper orders and decrees of the court. *Ayl. Parerg.* 67.

2. And these are chosen by the ecclesiastical judges How appointed. respectively; who may suspend them for misbehaviour, but may not remove them at discretion, as they most of them hold their office by patent.

3. The proper business and employment of an apparitor is, to attend in court, to receive such commands as the judge shall please to issue forth; to convene and cite the defendants into court; to admonish or cite the parties in the production of witnesses and the like; and to make due return of the process by him executed. *Ayl. Parerg.* 68. His office and duty.

More particularly, his conduct is regulated by the following canons and constitutions:

(1.) *Otho.* We do ordain, that from henceforth letters citatory, in causes ecclesiastical shall not be sent by those who obtain them, nor by their messengers; but the judge shall send them by his own faithful messenger, at the moderate expence of the person suing them out; or at least the citation shall be directed to the dean of the deanry

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where the party to be cited dwelleth, who at the judge's commandment shall faithfully execute the same by himself or his certain and trusty messenger. *Atton.* 63.

To the dean of the deanry] That is, the rural dean, who had then some office and jurisdiction.

(2.) *Boniface.* We being desirous to apply a remedy against those grievances and excesses, which the beadles or apparitors of archdeacons and deans occasion to our subjects, do ordain that when in order to execute their mandates or to do other things necessary, they come to the houses of rectors vicars or curates, or of other priests clerks or religious, they shall demand nothing of them by way of procuration or other duty; but accepting with thanks what shall be set before them, they shall be content therewith. And they shall not execute their precepts by messengers or sub-beadles, but in their own persons. And they shall not pass sentence of excommunication or interdict themselves, nor denounce such sentences passed by others, without special mandates from their principals: and if they shall presume to do otherwise, such sentences shall not bind. And the beadles or apparitors who shall act contrary to this constitution, and shall be found burdensome or injurious to the subjects of their masters, shall be severely punished, and be obliged to render double to those they have aggrieved. *Lind.* 221.

Or of other priests] As, chantry priests, or other who performed obits or anniversaries. *Id.*

(3.) *Stratford.* We do ordain, that every one of our suffragans shall have one riding apparitor only, for his diocese; and that the archdeacons of the several places within our province shall have one apparitor for every deanry, not riding but on foot: And they shall not stay with the rectors or vicars of churches at their charge more than one night and day in every quarter of a year, unless they be specially invited by them: And they shall not make any collections of money at the general chapters; nor of wool, lambs, or other things at any other time; but they may accept with thanks what shall be freely given to them. And if more shall be deputed than is above expressed, or any of them shall be found temerarily to act contrary to the premises; they who deputed them shall be suspended from their office and benefice, until they shall remove such person so deputed, and they who shall be so deputed shall be for ever ipso facto suspended from the office of apparitors. *Lindw.* 225.

(4.) *Can.*

(4.) *Can. 138.* Forasmuch as we are desirous to redress such abuses and aggrievances, as are said to grow by sumners or apparitors; we think it meet that the multitude of apparitors be (as much as is possible) abridged or restrained: wherefore we decree and ordain, that no bishop or archdeacon, or other their vicars or officials, or other inferior ordinaries, shall depute or have more apparitors to serve in their jurisdictions respectively, than either they or their predecessors were accustomed to have thirty years before the publishing these our present constitutions. All which apparitors shall by themselves faithfully execute their offices; neither shall they under any colour or pretence whatsoever cause or suffer their mandates to be executed by any messengers or substitutes, unless upon some good cause to be first known and approved by the ordinary of the place. Moreover they shall not take upon them the office of promoters or informers for the court. Neither shall they exact more fees, than are in these our constitutions formerly prescribed. And if either the number of the apparitors deputed shall exceed the assigned limitation, or any of the said apparitors shall offend in any of the premises; the persons deputing them, if they be bishops, shall upon admonition of their superior discharge the persons exceeding the number so limited; if inferior ordinaries, they shall be suspended from the execution of their office, until they have dismissed the apparitors by them so deputed; and the parties themselves so deputed, shall for ever be removed from the office of apparitors, and if being so removed they desist not from the exercise of their said offices, let them be punished by ecclesiastical censures as persons contumacious. Provided, that if upon experience the number of the said apparitors be too great in any diocese, in the judgment of the archbishop for the time being; they shall by him be so abridged, as he shall think meet and convenient.

Faithfully execute their offices] If a monition be awarded to an apparitor, to summon a man, and he upon the return of the monition avers that he had summoned him, when in truth he had not, and the defendant be thereupon excommunicated; an action on the case at common law will lie against the apparitor for the falsehood committed by him in his office, besides the punishment inflicted on him by the ecclesiastical court for such breach of trust. *Ayl. Parerg. 70. 2 Bulst. 264.*

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[Which kind of punishment of the apparitor for misbehaviour, is much more regular than that which was inflicted by the famous Bogo de Clare (mentioned elsewhere in this book, under the title *Plurality*); whose servants, when the apparitor went to serve a citation upon him in parliament time, compelled the apparitor to eat both the citation and the wax. *Ayl. Par.* 70, 71.]

Office of promoters or informers for the court] *H. 8. Cha. Carlion and Mill.* Action upon the case, for that the defendant being an apparitor under the bishop of Exeter, maliciously, and without colour or cause of suspicion of incontinency, of his own proper malice, procured the plaintiff ex officio, upon pretence of fame of incontinency with one Edith (whereas there was no such fame nor just cause of suspicion), to be cited to the consistory court, and there to be at great charges and vexation until he was cleared by sentence; which was to his great discredit and cause of great expences and losses; for which the action is brought. Upon not guilty pleaded, and found for the plaintiff, it was moved in arrest of judgment, that in this case an action lieth not; for he did nothing but as an informer, and by virtue of his office. But all the court held, forasmuch as it is alleged that he did maliciously and without colour of suspicion cause him to be cited, upon pretence of fame where there was no offence committed, and it is averred that there was not any such fame, and he is found guilty thereof, therefore the action well lieth. *Cro. Car.* 291.

Neither shall they exact more fees, than are in these our constitutions formerly prescribed] That is, in *Can.* 135. which is specified under the title *Fees*.

Appeal.

Origin of appeals
to Rome.

I. **T**HERE were no appeals to the pope out of England, before the reign of king Stephen; when they were introduced by Henry de Blois, bishop of Winchester, the pope's legate. Not but attempts had been made before that time, to carry appeals to Rome, which were vigorously withstood by the nation; as appears by the complaint of the pope in the reign of Henry the first, that the

the king would suffer no appeals to be made to him; and before that, in the reign of William Rufus, the bishops and barons told Anselm (who was attempting it) that it was a thing unheard of for any one to go to Rome (that is, by way of appeal) without the king's leave. And though this point was yielded in the reign of king Stephen, yet his successor Henry the second resumed and maintained it, as appears by the constitutions of Clarendon, which provide for the course of appeals within the realm, so as that further process be not made, without the king's assent. And afterwards, in the parliament of Northampton, the constitutions of Clarendon were renewed; and in the reigns of Richard the first and king John, we find new complaints of the little regard paid to those appeals; for which also divers persons were imprisoned in the reigns of Edward the first, Edward the second, and Edward the third. *Gibb. 83. 4 Inst. 341.*

Nevertheless, appeals to Rome still obtained, until the reign of king Henry the eighth, when they were finally abolished by the statutes of the 24 H. 8. c. 12. and 25 H. 8. c. 19. (here following).

2. By the 24 H. 8. c. 12. *All causes testamentary, causes of matrimony, and divorces, rights of tythes, oblations, and obventions shall be finally determined within the king's jurisdiction and authority, and not elsewhere; any foreign appeals to the see of Rome, or to any other foreign courts or potentates, to the let or impediment thereof in any wise notwithstanding. And if any person shall procure from the see of Rome or any other foreign court any appeal in any the causes aforesaid, or execute any process concerning the same, he shall incur a præmunire.* *l. 2, 4.*

Appeals to Rome abolished.

And by the 25 H. 8. c. 19. *No manner of appeals shall be had out of this realm to the bishop or see of Rome, in any causes or matters whatsoever; but all manner of appeals, of what nature or condition soever they be, shall be made and had after such form and condition, as is limited for appeals in causes of matrimony, tithes, oblations, and obventions by a statute made since the beginning of this parliament. And if any person shall sue any appeal to the bishop or see of Rome, or procure or execute any process from thence; he, his aiders, counsellors and abettors, shall incur a præmunire.* *l. 3, 5.*

3. And appeals within this realm shall be in this form, and not otherwise; first, from the archdeacon or his official, if the matter or cause be there begun, to the bishop. 24 H. 8. *l. 12. c. 5.*

Appeals to the several courts respectively within this realm.

Appeal.

If it be commenced before the bishop or his commissary; then from the bishop or his commissary, within fifteen days next ensuing the judgment or sentence given, to the archbishop; and there to be definitively and finally ordered decreed and adjudged, without any other appeal whatsoever. §. 6.

If the matter for any the causes aforesaid, be commenced before the archdeacon of any archbishop, or his commissary; then the party grieved may take his appeal, within 15 days next after judgment or sentence given, to the court of the arches, or audience of the same archbishop; and from the said court of the arches, or audience, within fifteen days then next ensuing after judgment or sentence there given, to the archbishop of the same province, there to be finally determined without any other appeal. §. 7.

If the matter be commenced for any the causes aforesaid, before the archbishop, then the same shall be before him definitively determined, without any other appeal, provocation, or any other foreign process out of this realm to be sued to the let or derogation of the said judgment sentence or decree, otherwise than is by this act limited; saving always the prerogative of the archbishop and church of Canterbury, in all the foresaid causes of appeals, to him and his successors, to be sued within this realm, in such and like wise as they have been accustomed and used to have heretofore. §. 8.

Appeals within this realm shall be in this form] Which is to be done by demanding letters missive, called *apostoli*, from the judge *a quo*, to the judge *ad quem*. Gibs. 1035.

From the archdeacon, or his official, to the bishop] And not *per saltum* to the archbishop: and this is agreeable to the rule of the ancient canon law. Gibs. 1036.

In the case of *Robinson and Godsalve, M. 8 W.* It was resolved by the court, that where an archdeacon has a peculiar jurisdiction, he is totally exempt from the power of the bishop, and the bishop cannot enter there and hold court. And in such case if the party who lives in the peculiar be sued in the bishop's court, a prohibition shall be granted, for the statute intends that no suit shall be *per saltum*. But if the archdeacon has not a peculiar, then the bishop and he have concurrent jurisdiction, and the party may commence his suit either in the archdeacon's court or the bishop's; and if he commence in the bishop's court, no prohibition shall be granted; for if it should, it would confine the bishop's court to determine nothing but appeals, and render it incapable of having any causes originally commenced there. *L. Raym.* 123.

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From the bishop] This is to be extended to all who have episcopal jurisdiction: As in the case of *Johnson and Ley, M. 7 W.* where the dean of Salisbury, in one of his peculiars, made letters of request to the dean of the arches; it was objected, in order to obtain a prohibition, that this was *per saltum*, and that he ought to have made request to the bishop of Salisbury his immediate ordinary: But the plea was not allowed, because this was not (as in the case of an archidiaconal peculiar) subject to the jurisdiction of the ordinary, but immediately to the archbishop. *Gibf. 1035. Skin. 589.*

From the bishop or his commissary, to the archbishop] And not from the bishop's official or commissary, to the bishop himself; for the reason given in the canon law, namely, lest (having both but one auditory) the appeal should seem to be made from the same person to the same person. *Gibf. 1036.*

But by the 25 H. 8. c. 19. *For lack of justice in the archbishops courts, the party may appeal to the king in chancery; and upon every such appeal, a commission shall be directed under the great seal to such persons as shall be named by the king, like as in case of appeal from the admiral's court, to hear and determine such appeals; whose sentence shall be definitive: and no further appeals to be had from the said commissioners. l. 4.*

For lack of justice in the archbishops courts] Such appeal lies not from a local visitor; nor in any cause of a temporal nature; nor did it lie from the high commission court when in being, because they themselves were the king's delegates, as acting by immediate commission from him, and there was no remedy against their sentences but a new commission to others grantable in virtue of the royal prerogative and independent from this statute. *Watf. c. 6.*

The party grieved may appeal to the king in chancery] And no commission of delegates, in any case of weight, shall be awarded, but upon petition preferred to the lord chancellor, who will name the commissioners himself, to the end they may be persons of convenient quality, having regard to the weight of the cause, and dignity of the court from which the appeal is. *Bacon's Traets. 294.*

And sometimes for a supply of justice, on petition to the king, a special commission of delegacy issueth, to begin the suit, and proceed originally in the cause; as where the archbishop himself is interested, or the like, *1 Oughton's Ordo Judiciorum. 437.*

A commission shall be directed under the great seal, to such persons as shall be named by the king] These commissioners are usually some of the lords spiritual and temporal or both, and commonly one or more of the twelve judges, and one or more doctors of the civil law. *Floy. 20.*

And they are commonly called *delegates* (according to the language of the civil and canon law), on account of the special commission or delegation they receive from the king, for the hearing and determining every particular cause. Agreeably whereunto, their proceedings are according to the rules of the civil and ecclesiastical laws; and on that account it hath been particularly adjudged, that a suit there doth not abate by the death of the parties: this being the course in the ecclesiastical courts. Also prohibitions go to them, as to an ecclesiastical court. But in the case of *Stephenson and Wood*, H. 10 Ja. the better opinion of the court was, that they could not grant letters of administration. *Gibf. 1037.*

Whose sentence shall be definitive.] In the case of *Saul and Wilson*, M. 1689. By the lords commissioners: There lies no appeal from a sentence in a court of delegates; for they cannot have any original jurisdiction, because it is a matter grounded upon an act of parliament, and the act gives them none. *2 Vern. 118.*

But on a petition to the king in council, a commission of review may be granted under the great seal, appointing new judges, or adding more to the former judges, to revise, review, and rehear the cause. *1 Ought. 437.*

And hereupon lord Coke observeth, that albeit these statutes do upon certain appeals make the sentence definitive as to any appeal, and that no further appeal should be had; yet the king, after such a definitive sentence, as supreme head, may grant a commission of review, for two causes: 1. For that it is not restrained by the statute. 2. For that after a definitive sentence, the pope as supreme head by the canon law used to grant a commission ad revidendum; and such authority as the pope had, claiming as supreme head, doth of right belong to the crown, and is annexed thereunto by the statutes of the 26 H. 8. c. 1. and 1 Eliz. c. 1. And so it was resolved in the king's bench, *T. 39 Eliz.* where the case was, that sentence being given in an ecclesiastical cause in the country, the party grieved appealed according to the act of the 24 H. 8. to the archbishop, before whom the first sentence was affirmed. Whereupon, according to the statute of the

25 H. 8. he appealed to the delegates : before whom both the former sentences were repealed and made void by definitive sentence. And thereupon the queen, as supreme head, granted a commission of review, ad revidendum the sentence of the delegates. And upon this matter, a prohibition was prayed in the king's bench, pretending that the commission of review was against law, for that the sentence before the delegates was definitive by the statute of the 25 H. 8. But upon mature deliberation and debate, the prohibition was denied ; for that the commission for the causes abovesaid was resolved to be lawfully granted. In this case Coke says, he being then the queen's attorney, was of counsel to maintain the queen's power. And precedents were cited in this court, in *Michelot's* case, 29 Eliz. and in *Goodman's* case, and in *Huer's* case, in the same year. 4. *Inst.* 341.

But a commission of review is matter of discretion, and not of right : and if it be a hard case, the chancellor will advise the crown not to grant it. 2 *P. Wil.* 299.

In the commission of review, there is sometimes a clause, to admit other allegations, and new matter, and to take proofs thereupon as well on the one part as on the other. 1 *Ought.* 437.

4. By the aforesaid statute of the 24 H. 8. c. 12. *If any matter, for any the causes specified in the said statute, shall come in contention in any of the foresaid courts, which shall touch the king ; the party grieved may appeal from any of the courts of this realm, to the spiritual prelates, and others abbots and priors of the upper house, assembled and convocate by the king's writ in the convocation being, or next ensuing ; so that such appeal be within fifteen-days after sentence given : and the same to be there finally determined.* 1. 9.

Appeal to the convocation ; where the king is party.

5. By the statute of the 25 H. 8. c. 19. *Appeals from places exempt, which by reason of grants or liberties were heretofore to the pope, shall now be to the king in chancery, and shall be definitively determined by authority of the king's commission : so that no archbishop or bishop shall intermit or meddle with such appeals, otherwise than they might have done before.* 1. 6.

Appeals from places exempt.

6. The manner of obtaining a commission of delegates is thus : The proctor of the appellant draws a petition to the lord chancellor or lord keeper, setting forth the cause, and what his client insisted on, and what the judge decreed ; and that thereupon his client, thinking himself aggrieved, hath appealed from the said decree to the king's majesty in his high court of chancery ; Wherefore his client

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client humbly requesteth of the lord chancellor, that a commission of appeal be made out and issued under the great seal, directed to certain judges delegate to be named at his pleasure, to hear and determine the cause aforesaid. Whereupon the lord chancellor sets down the names of such persons as he thinks proper: and afterwards a commission is drawn and executed in due form, by virtue whereof the commissioners proceed to hear and determine the matter of the appeal. 1 Ought. 437.

In what case caution is to be required, before admission of the appeal.

7. *Can. 98.* Forasmuch as they who break the laws, cannot in reason claim any benefit or protection by the same; we decree and appoint, that after any judge ecclesiastical hath proceeded judicially against obstinate and factious persons, and contemnors of ceremonies, for not observing the rights and orders of the church of England, or for contempt of publick prayer; no judge ad quem, shall admit or allow any his or their appeals, unless he having first seen the original appeal, the party appellant do first personally promise and avow, that he will faithfully keep and observe all the rights and ceremonies of the church of England, as also the prescript form of common prayer, and do likewise subscribe to the three articles, concerning the king's supremacy, the book of common prayer, and the thirty nine articles of religion.

Stamp duty.

8. By the several stamp acts; every appeal from the court of arches, or the prerogative courts, shall be upon a treble 40 s. stamp.

Suspension of the sentence during the appeal.

9. During the appeal, the sentence given by the inferior court or judge is suspended.

Thus, if a church be voidable by deprivation, and the ecclesiastical judge hath actually pronounced a sentence of deprivation against the incumbent; yet if the person deprived doth make his appeal, the church is not actually void, so long as the appeal dependeth: and if the sentence of deprivation upon the appeal be declared void, the clerk is perfect incumbent as before, without any new institution. *Watf. c. 6.*

Inhibition.

10. And pending the appeal, it is usual, at the instance of the appellant, for the superior court to grant an inhibition to stay the execution of the sentence in the inferior court, until the appeal shall be determined.

Concerning which, by *Can. 96.* it is ordained, that no inhibition shall be granted out of any court belonging to the archbishop, at the instance of any party, unless it be subscribed by an advocate practising in the said court. And the like course shall be used, in granting forth any inhibition

inhibition at the instance of any party, by the bishop or his chancellor against the archdeacon, or any other person exercising ecclesiastical jurisdiction. And if in the court or consistory of any bishop there be no advocate; then shall the subscription of a proctor practising in the same court, be held sufficient.

And by *Can. 97.* it is further ordered and decreed, that henceforward no inhibition be granted by occasion of any interlocutory decree, or in any cause of correction, except under the form aforesaid. And moreover, that before the going out of any such inhibition, the appeal it self, or a copy thereof (avouched by oath to be just and true), be exhibited to the judge or his lawful surrogate, whereby he may be lawfully informed, both of the quality of the crime, and of the cause of the grievance, before the granting forth of the said inhibition. And every appellant, or his lawful proctor, shall before the obtaining of any such inhibition, shew and exhibit to the judge or his surrogate in writing, a true copy of those acts wherewith he complaineth himself to be aggrieved, and from which he appealeth; or shall take a corporal oath, that he hath performed his diligence and true endeavour for the obtaining of the same, and could not obtain it at the hands of the register in the country, or his deputy, tendring him his fee. And if any judge or register shall either procure or permit any inhibition to be sealed, so as is said, contrary to the form and limitation above specified; let him be suspended from the execution of his office, for the space of three months; and if any proctor, or other person whatsoever by his appointment, shall offend in any of the premisses, either by making or sending out any inhibition, contrary to the tenor of the said premisses; let him be removed from the exercise of his office, for the space of a whole year, without hope of release or restoring.

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FOR the first six or seven centuries, the *parochia* was the diocese or episcopal district, wherein the bishop and his clergy lived together at the cathedral church; and whatever were the tithes and oblations of the faithful, they were all brought into a common fund, from whence a continual supply was had, for support of the bishop and his college of presbyters and deacons, and for the repair and ornaments of the church, and for other suitable works of piety and charity. So that before the distribution of England into parishes (as the word is now used) all tithes offerings and ecclesiastical profits whatsoever did entirely belong to the bishop and his clergy for pious uses, and by their original nature could not be in the hands of any layman, or be employed to any secular purpose. This community and collegiate life of the bishop and his clergy, appears to have been the practice of our British, and was again appointed for the model of our Saxon churches.

While the bishops thus lived amongst their clergy, residing with them, in their proper seats or cathedral churches; the stated services, or publick offices of religion, were performed only in those single choirs; to which the people of each whole diocese resorted, especially at the more solemn times and seasons of devotion. But to supply the inconveniences of distant and difficult access, the bishop sent out some presbyters into the remoter parts, to be itinerant preachers, or occasional dispensers of the word and sacraments. Most of these missionaries returned from their holy circuit to the center of unity the episcopal college, and had there only their fixed abode; giving

ing the bishop a due account of their labours and successes in their respective progress. Yet some few of the travelling clergy, where they saw a place more populous, and a people zealous, built there a plain and humble conveniency for divine worship; and procured the bishop to consecrate it for an *oratory* or chapel at large, not yet for a parish church, or any particular congregation, to be confined within certain bounds and limits. And while the necessities of the country were thus upon occasion supplied, it did not alter the state of the ecclesiastical patrimony; which still remained invested in the bishop for the common uses of religion, as devoted solely to God and his clergy.

The division of a diocese into rural parishes, and the foundation of churches adequate to them, cannot be ascribed to any one act, nor indeed to any one single age.

Several causes and persons did contribute to the rise of parochial churches. Sometimes the itinerant preachers found encouragement to settle amongst a liberal people, and (by their assistance) to raise up a church, and a little adjoining manse. Sometimes the kings, in their country villas and seats of pleasure or retirement, ordered a place of worship for their court and retinue, which was the original of royal *free chapels*. Very often the bishops, commiserating the ignorance of the country people, took care for building churches, as the only way of planting or keeping up christianity amongst them. But the more ordinary and standing method of augmenting the number of churches depended on the piety of the thanes or greater lords; who having large fees and territories in the country, founded churches for the service of their families and tenants within their dominion. It was this gave a primary title to the patronage of laymen: It was this made the bounds of a parish commensurate to the extent of a manor: It was this divided the several portions of the same church, according to the separate interest of the several lords: And it was this distinct property of lords and tenants, that by degrees allotted new parochial bounds, by the adding of new auxiliary churches.

This first designation of parish churches did not at all break in upon the right of the bishop, either in respect of spirituals or temporals. For the bishop had still the proper cure of souls within his whole diocese, and a title to all the ecclesiastical revenues; and it was by his authority and consent, that parish churches and priests were so ordained, as helps and assistants given to him. For their

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number not only promoted the services of religion, but even advanced the revenues of the see. Yet for fear the bishop's committing so many parts of his charge to subordinate curates might seem a sort of recess from his right and claim to them, he had the most solemn reservations made to him and his successors. No church, however built, was to be employed for publick service, till consecrated by the bishop. And no priest was to reside and officiate there, but by the bishop's delegation. And there were indeed as many acknowledgments of right and respect paid to the head of the diocese, as were by feudal customs paid to the head of the seigniorie or civil dominion. For as the lord's own seat was the head of the barony, or the lord's court, whither the inferior tenants were summoned to answer for the conditions of their tenure; so the bishop's chair was always the seat and heart of the diocese, to which the clergy were cited to give account of their offices and possessions, as in their mother church. As each inferior tenant was admitted with some oath of fidelity to the prime lord; so every parish priest had admission to his church, with a like obligation of obedience to his bishop. As each tenant paid some sort of rent unto his lord, for being quieted in his possession; so the presbyter made a return of some part of the parochial profits to his bishop, for the security of enjoying the remainder to his own use. As no one tenant could desert his holding, or substitute another in it, without consent and acceptance of the lord; so neither could any parish priest forsake his charge, or appoint another to succeed him in it, without express leave and authority of the bishop. And as upon the death of a feudatory tenant, the custody of the lands came back to the lord, till an able heir should be instated in it; so likewise the custody of all vacant benefices did revert to the bishop, and he received the mean profits of them, till a successor was confirmed and settled in them. And in many other forms and customs of dependency and subjection, the parochial clergy were as accountable to the bishop, as the lay tenants were to the prime lord. So that during all this first constitution of parishes, there was nothing of tithe or glebe or oblations diverted into lay hands, or applied to any secular purposes; but the absolute property, and the intire disposal of them, did remain in the bishops and the clergy, for their own support, and other pious uses.

The first way of diverting the tithes and oblations from the immediates uses of the bishop and his clergy, did arise

from the confusion of parochial bounds ; which having no other limits set to them than those of the possessions of the respective founders, this obliged them and their retinue and tenants to pay their duties to that one church : but if any new fee were erected within such lordship, or there were any people within the precinct who were independent on the patron, they were at liberty to chuse any neighbouring church or any religious house, and to pay their tithes and make their offerings, wherever they received the benefits of religion. So the bishop receding from this former claim, and his substituted clergy not yet knowing the bounds of their respective cures ; this let in an opinion, that tithes and oblations were an arbitrary disposition of the donor, who might give them as the reward of religious service done to him, in what place, or from what person soever he received that service. Which notion gave occasion to the monasteries, to ingross all the neighbouring people, and especially the richer lords and patrons, to themselves ; and to draw them from their own priests to communicate in their cells ; and so to bring their tithes and offerings with them. But yet this discretionary allotment of tithes and offerings, tho' injurious to particular priests and parish churches, was no violation of the general rights of the national church and clergy ; for tho' the people so chose their own way of distribution, they did by no means detain the stated dues unto themselves, nor alienate them to any ordinary uses : they ever looked upon them as consecrated to the altar, and offered them purely for the sake of God and their souls.

A second prejudice to the parochial clergy was, the early division of tithes and offerings into several parts, for the several purposes of piety and charity. The benevolence of a diocese was at first intirely at the bishop's receipt and disposal ; but that there might appear to be a just application of it, a rule obtained for dividing the fund into four parts ; one to the fabrick and ornaments of the church ; another to the officiating priest ; a third to the poor, and necessitous travellers ; and a fourth reserved to the more immediate service of the bishop and his college. But when fees began to be endowed with lands and other firm possessions ; then the bishops (to encourage the foundation of churches, and to establish a better provision for the residing clergy) did tacitly recede from their quarter part, and were afterwards by canons forbidden to demand it, if they could live without it. So as the division was

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now only into three parts; and every priest was the receiver and distributor as the bishop had been before, standing obliged to expend one part on the raising supporting and adorning his church and manse, another part upon entertaining strangers and relieving the poor, and to have a third reserved for his own immediate occasions. Yet still the whole product of tithes and offerings was the bank of each parish church, and the minister was the sole trustee and dispenser of them, according to those stated rules of piety and charity. But this tripartite division soon occasioned great disorders; for the lay patrons did from hence infer, that a third part of the revenues of a church was sufficient for the supply of it, and they undertook to dispose of the two remaining parts; at first pretending to apply them to the like pious uses; but then by degrees detaining them in their own hands, and even at last getting them infeoffed in them and their heirs, especially within their own demesns. And this proceeded so far, that in some parts the powerful patrons seized upon the whole prædial tithes, and left the altarage or smaller tithes (which were at first voluntary oblations, and therefore reckoned a part of the altarage) to the portion of the parish priest; setting a precedent of impropriations in lay hands, even before the religious fell into that method. But however, as the lay patrons at first took the tithes (or seldom more than two parts of them) in trust for the church and poor, not in tenure to their own property and pleasure; and after they were infeoffed in them, they still considered them to be charged with the same burdens; and while they held them, did exonerate the clergy from those burdens; so they would not keep that conditional tithe, but by degrees made a conscience to restore every part either to the parish churches, or at least to religious houses. So that long before the reformation, all manner of tithes and oblations were intirely given back to the church, and invested only in the clergy secular or regular.

The next injury to parochial churches, came from the surrendring of the right of patronage to collegiate bodies. For the lay patrons remembring, that the clergy living in common with their bishop in his cathedral church, were formerly maintained by the tithes and oblations of the country; when this practice ceased, they thought it a sort of laudable restitution, to give the perpetual advowson of their churches to that body, or to some one particular member of it; whereby those churches became prebendal; and the supply of them was left to the community,

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or to that single canon who was to have his prebend or exhibition from it. All the monasteries found this method to be a very good expedient for them. Hence they incited their benefactors to confer upon their houses the right of presentation to country churches; a favour the more easily obtained, because the lay lords looked upon themselves as guardians only, and were glad to devolve their trust upon those societies; who, as they thought, would faithfully discharge it. And by these means, in an age or two, above one half of the parochial churches in England came to be lodged in the power of cathedrals and monasteries, and were personally served by the members of those bodies. But this by degrees let in mischief and usurpation: For the cathedral canons, finding their residence in those rural churches to be inconsistent with their due attendance in the chapter and choir, began to place annual curates to represent them in their several benefices, to account for the profits of them, and to receive a small portion, or some pecuniary stipend for their service. Till, being pressed by the bishops, and obliged by some new constitutions, they did at last present their clerk to the full title of the church, reserving a rent or pension to themselves; which tho' at first moderate, they often advanced to the great oppression of the country clergy. The religious did the same in the monasteries, and had a fairer pretence for so doing; for being tied to stricter rules of their order, and more confined within their cells, they appointed priests, whom they called secular, to take upon them the cure of souls, and to be stewards of the revenue, or at least pensioners to their several convents. And even some of the potent lay patrons followed this example, binding the clerks in the like annual rents and reservations to them and their heirs. So that within a hundred years after the conquest, most of the parish priests in England were become tributary to their patrons, and paid out such large pensions to them, that they were not able to subsist with decency and credit. This abuse becoming very grievous, occasioned divers constitutions to be made against it. But the lay patrons protected themselves by prohibitions and appeals from the ecclesiastical jurisdiction, and sued their clerks in the temporal court for the performance of such indirect covenants. Therefore the bishops did at last obtain from king Edward the second, a full and sole power to judge in this cause of pensions, and thereby did soon effectually suppress them as to lay patrons; and tho' the dignitaries and

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the religious did longer enjoy those pensions, yet were they often mitigated and restrained by the bishop, having been frequently complained of and even condemned by a decree of pope Clement the third. And it was indeed the restraint of these arbitrary prestations, that put the monks upon inventing the new stratagem of impropriations.

For when the monks saw, that they could not well supply their own churches, and could no longer set arbitrary fines and pensions upon the poor clergy who supplied them; they fell upon the project of retaining the churches in their gift, and all the profits of them *in proprios usus*, to their own immediate benefit. This art of *appropriation* was certainly invented by monastick men, for a curb and weight upon the secular clergy; but in what year it began doth not certainly appear: for indeed all corruptions have a secret rise, and are not in history observed, till the scandal and the complaints do make some noise. It is said, that there were some appropriations of churches before the conquest; but these seem to have been only conveyances of the churches with their tithes to those religious corporations, who had thereby no other right conveyed to them, than what the lay lords had before; which was, a right of protection and commendation to the church, not a right of converting the profits to their own use and property.

But the way of strictly appropriating parish churches to religious houses, or giving them in full right to the monks absolute property and use, was an engine of oppression which came in with the Norman conquest; when the greater prelates being Normans, did trample upon the inferior clergy who were generally English; increased the pensions which the clergy were to pay unto them, or else withdrew their stipends; and yet loaded them with new services, and every way oppressed them without mercy. And to complete the servile dependance, an artifice was contrived, to obtain indulgence from the pope, that whatever churches they held in advowson, they should commit them to be served by clerks, who as to the cure of souls should be responsible to the bishop, but as to the profits should be accountable to the abbot or prior and his brethren.

And this was indeed effectual appropriation; a badge of slavery unknown to the Saxon churches, brought over by the Norman lords, and imperiously put upon the English clergy by the authority of the pope. And so this practice, which crept in with William the conqueror, in

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a few reigns became the custom of the land, and the infection spread, until within the space of 300 years, above a third part, and those generally the richest benefices in England, became appropriated.

And in these cures, the monks themselves did for some time reside and officiate by turns, by lot, and even by penance, with many other ways of shifting off the duty upon one another. Until at length such changes and intermissions in the pastoral care becoming very scandalous, the bishops did by degrees restrain the monks from a personal cure of souls, and confined them according to rule within their own cloisters; obliging them to retain fit and able *cappellans*, *vicars*, or *curates* (for those titles did all mean the same office); with a competent salary paid to them. But then again they oppressed these stipendiary vicars with such sorry allowance, and such grievous service; that the bishops at last brought them to the presentation of perpetual vicars endowed and instituted, who should have no other dependance on their convents, than the rectors had upon their patrons; declaring it to be dishonest and contrary to canon, that religious men, to whom it was granted to convert churches to their proper uses, should personally serve those churches, and therefore ordaining, that they should appoint perpetual vicars to be instituted by the bishop, with a competent maintenance by the bishop taxed and assigned to them.

One pretext of the religious to gain appropriations was, to desire no more than two parts of the tithe and profits to be so appropriated to them; leaving a third to the free and quiet enjoyment of the parish priest, whom at the same time they eased from the burden of repairing the church and relieving the poor, and took that charge upon themselves. Which third part, together with the altarage (or portion of oblations and perquisites and small tithes in a manner arbitrary) which also was commonly reserved to the vicar, made his portion often equal to, if not exceeding that of the convent. But the religious were not long content with their said two parts, without ingrossing the whole; which they generally did by donation, by purchase, by exchange, and all the ways of acquisition. So that in two or three following ages, parochial churches would have been universally annexed and united to religious houses, if the bishops had not provided for the ordination of perpetual vicarages, and the distinct endowment of them.

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Another pretext of the religious for obtaining appropriations was, the consideration of hospitality and charity, which were intailed as it were upon their two parts of tithes and offerings. They chiefly urged these occasions, and promised to employ the profits this way. In the charters of donation, they got it alledged, to be for keeping up the hospitality of the said religious house, to find meat and drink to all that passed by their gates and would call for refreshment, and for the entertainment of all travellers and passengers; for sustaining the poor; for the almonry; for the infirmary; and for the provisions of their house; and even for many other uses, as, to maintain scribes and illuminators to write and adorn their books; to bear the charges of holding a general chapter of their order; to defray the expences of a journey to Rome; to ease themselves in the payment of pensions; to rebuild the fabrick of their conventual church; and indeed to answer all other occasions that could be served by money.

The *seculars* learned this way of gain from the monks; and thought it as lawful and proper for any of the collegiate bodies, as it was for the regular convents. And therefore they likewise got the churches of their own donation to be converted to their own proper uses; and persuaded the neighbouring patrons to come and offer up advowsons on their high altar; to increase the number of their prebends, or to augment the portion of the dean, or of any other principal dignitary; or to repair their fabrick; or to find lights on their altars; or for the table of the bishop; or indeed for any thing that could contribute to the grandeur of the cathedral church or see. Not that all the churches which are now appropriated to bishops, or deans and chapters, were the effect of those superstitions: for many of them have been since given in a sad exchange for manors and firm lands.

This ill example of appropriating parish churches spread further to *all bodies corporate*, however in law and reason incapable of such a tenure. Soliciting and paying the price at Rome procured the like favour for secular colleges, for chantries, nay for military orders, for lay hospitals, for gilds and fraternities, and even for nunneries. So, making knights, lay brothers, and very women, to be the rectors of parish churches. Though this indeed was grounded on a conceit, that all these were religious societies, and might receive and distribute out of the common treasury of the church. For before king Henry the eighth, there was no right or precedent for a mere lay person to be an impropiator.

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From corporations aggregate of many, this example went on to *single persons*; not only to deans, chantors, treasurers, chancellors, and separate officers, but at last to the parish priests themselves, who in populous or rich places obtained a vicar to be endowed, and casting upon him the cure of souls, they had the rectory appropriated to them and their successors as a *fine-cure* for ever.

But, above all, the monks had their various arts of driving on this trade in holy things. The *bishop* of the diocese was often their friend and assistant in it, because he had been perhaps of the same order; or was disposed to keep up an interest in so great a body of men; or if they had no other tie upon him, they settled a pension to indemnify his see, or advanced the payment of synodals, or offered some other consideration of interest: and if at the last the bishop would not consent, they could apply to the papal legates, or directly to the court of Rome, where they never failed to have their presents accepted; and sometimes charged themselves with an annual pension to the cardinals, or even to the apostolical chamber for ever. They dealt as subtilly with the *patrons*, to extort their consent; they promised them the prayers and suffrages of their house, with masses, obits, anniversaries, pietances, and other commemorations. And because, after all, by the laws of the land they could not appropriate without consent of the *rector* incumbent; therefore they sometimes prevailed with him to assume their order, and so to bring the church along with him; or they gave him a pension or a corody for his life, on condition of resigning; or if he would not comply, then they obtained leave of the patron to appropriate in reversion; or, to save the pains of working on the patron, they purchased the perpetual advowson, on purpose to appropriate the benefice.

If the smaller tithes and oblations (the common allotment to a vicar) would not amount to a third share; then some part of the greater tithe of corn and hay was allowed to make up such deficiency; which was the just cause of many vicarages being so endowed.

The ancient state of vicarages was the more tolerable, because there was not only a considerable portion for the vicar, but there was a power lodged in the bishop to augment that portion, whenever it appeared to be insufficient. This was the known right, and the constant practice of the English bishops. Indeed the greater monasteries did oftentimes by exemptions and appeals to the court of Rome evade and deny this power of the diocesan: in order to

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obviate which refuge, the bishop in his instrument of consenting to appropriation, began to express the positive condition of saving a competent portion for a vicar, to be taxed and ordered by him in due consideration to hospitality and other burdens; and afterwards to be moderated and augmented as should seem to the ordinary fit and proper. But whether this power was explicitly reserved or not, it was thought an antecedent right, which the bishop might claim from the original constitution of the church. And even the common law did allow and enforce this practice: the year books affirming, that the ordinary may increase or diminish the vicar's portion. And for any thing which appears upon record; though this episcopal right was too often evaded by resort to the court of Rome; yet it was never questioned in any of our ecclesiastical or civil courts before the reformation. *Kennet on Improvements.*

And so much concerning the original appropriation of churches: We come next to consider more particularly, the endowment of vicarages consequent thereupon.

H. Endowment of vicarages upon appropriation.

Restrictions by
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I. By the statute of the 15 R. 2. c. 6. *In every licence to be made in the chancery, of the appropriation of any parish church, it shall be expressly contained, that the diocesan of the place, upon the appropriation of such churches, shall ordain according to the value of such churches, a convenient sum of money to be paid and distributed yearly of the fruits and profits of the same churches, by those that will have the said churches in proper use, and by their successors, to the poor parishioners of the said churches, in aid of their living and sustenance for ever; and also that the vicar be well and sufficiently endowed.*

And by the statute of the 4 H. 4. c. 12. *From henceforth, in every church appropriated, there shall be a secular person ordained vicar perpetual, canonically instituted and inducted, and covenantally endowed by the discretion of the ordinary, to do divine service, and to inform the people, and to keep hospitality there: and no religious shall in any wise be made vicar in any church appropriated.*

From henceforth] This statute extendeth not to appropriations made before this time. 2 Roll. Rep. 127.

There shall be a secular person ordained vicar perpetual] In the case of *Bonsley and Lee*, T. 1684; it was decreed, that

that where there is no vicarage endowed, the impropriator of the small tithes is bound to maintain a priest; and upon an information by the attorney general for that purpose, the king may assign to the curate such an allowance or proportion of the small tithes as he shall think fit: but otherwise it is, where the vicar is endowed, though but of never so small a matter. 1 Vern. 247.

Covenably endowed] So as without endowment, the appropriation was not good. 12 Co. 4.

By the discretion of the ordinary] Before this, it could not be done but with the consent of the patron; but there was no necessity of the licence of the king (as in the case of appropriation), because no damage accrued to the crown. 2 Roll's Abr. 334.

No religious shall in any wise be made vicar in any church appropriated] But if the benefice was given *ad mensam monachorum*, and so not appropriated in the common form, but granted by way of union *pleno jure*; in that case, it was served by a monk of their own body, who was removable at their own pleasure. Which is the foundation of *stipendiary curacies*, where the impropriators are bound to provide divine service, but may do it by a curate, not instituted, but only licensed by the bishop. So the monks served them; and because the acts of dissolution gave the lands to the king in such manner and form as the monks held them, they who derive from the crown have reckoned themselves under no restraint to present a vicar to the bishop for institution. But though the canon law is clear, that such benefices as were united *mensæ monachorum* might be served by monks, without institution; yet the law also was, that in case such cures were supplied by *seculars*, they must have institution; and there being now no supply but by *seculars*, it seems to follow, that by law no benefices can be now served by stipendiary curates, without institution: but the received practice is otherwise. Gibs. 717.

2. The act of endowment by the bishop might be made, either in the act of appropriation, or by a subsequent act ^{Act of endow-} ^{ment.} and a separate instrument. Which is mentioned in this place, that in searching for endowments in the registries of bishops, or the court of augmentations, neither the one nor the other should be neglected; for altho' a separate act or instrument of endowment may not be found, yet it is possible the endowment may have been made in the act of appropriation. Gibs. 719.

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If the body corporate be now in being to which the church is appropriated, as all the old cathedrals are; or if the impropriation were, at the dissolution of the monastery, given to any cathedral or collegiate church that now is; the most probable place to find the endowment of it is in the archives of that church: if not, perhaps it may be found in the augmentation office. But it is to be feared, that most of the endowments are now lost, at least to us, by being carried to Rome at the dissolution of monasteries. *Johns. 239.*

Pension reserved
in the act of en-
dowment.

3. Upon the making an appropriation, an annual pension was reserved to the bishop and his successors, commonly called an *indemnity*, and payable by the body to whom the appropriation was made. The ground of which reservation, in an ancient appropriation in the registry of the archbishop of Canterbury, is expressed to be, for a recompence of the profits which the bishop would otherwise have received during the vacation of such churches. *Gibbs. 719.*

Vicarage, a dis-
tinct benefice.

4. A vicarage by endowment becomes a benefice distinct from the parsonage. As the vicar is endowed with separate revenues, and is now enabled by the law to recover his temporal rights without aid of parson or patron; so hath he the whole cure of souls transferred to him, by institution from the bishop. It is true, in some places, both the parson and the vicar do receive institution from the bishop to the same church, as it is in the case of *finecures*; the original of which was thus: The rector (with proper consent) had a power to institute a vicar in his church, to officiate under him; and this was often done; and by this means, two persons were instituted to the same church, and both to the cure of souls, and both did actually officiate. So that however the rectors of *finecures*, by having been long excused from residence, are in the common opinion discharged from the cure of souls (which is the reason of the name); and however the cure is said in the law books to be in them *habitualiter* only; yet in strictness of law, and with regard to their original institution, the cure is in them *actualiter*, as much as it is in the vicar. *Gibbs. 719.*

Patronage.

5. The parson by making the endowment, acquires the patronage of the vicarage. For in order to the appropriation of a parsonage, the inheritance of the advowson was to be transferred to the corporation to which the church was to be appropriated; and then, the vicarage being derived out of the parsonage, the parson of common right must

must be patron thereof. So that if the parson makes a lease of the parsonage (without making a special reservation to himself of the right of presenting to the vicarage) the patronage of the vicarage passeth as incident to it. But it was held in the 21 *Ja.* that the parishoners may prescribe for the choice of a vicar. And before that, in the 16 *Ja.* in the case of *Shirley* and *Underhill*, it was declared by the court, that tho' the advowson of the vicarage of common right is appendant to the rectory, yet it may be appendant to a manor; as having been reserved specially upon the appropriation. *Gibf.* 719.

Sometimes, upon appropriation, the right of presenting the vicar was given to the bishop, probably to induce his consent: as appeareth from divers instances.

6. There were no vicarages at common law: or, in other words, no tithes or profits of any kind do de jure belong to the vicar, but by endowment or prescription; which cannot be presumed, but must be shewn on the part of the vicar. For which reason, the payment of tithes to the parson, is prima facie a discharge against the vicar. *Gibf.* 719.

Vicar only intitled by endowment or prescription.

7. The first endowment of the vicars cannot be prescribed against by the parson. This was adjudged in the case of *Pringle* and *Child*, T. 2 *Ja.* Which original endowments therefore being of such authority as no time can destroy; and such causes between parson and vicar as relate to them, or depend on them, being also cognizable in the spiritual court: it were much to be wished, says Dr. Gibson, for the sake of the poor vicars, that diligent search were made after them in the ecclesiastical offices, and other repositories of records; * in order to bring

Authority of endowments.

* It may be proper to insert in this place the following proposal of a very learned gentleman, who has generously undertaken the execution of the abovesaid plan; hoping that all who may have it in their power in any wise to contribute towards the completion thereof, will communicate what may have come to their knowledge with respect to any of the particulars: viz.

“ A proposal for publishing a general repertory of the endowments of vicarages:

“ This work is intended for the service both of vicars and of their parishoners. The former usually come into their livings unacquainted with the particulars of their legal incomes; most of which are small, and many quite insufficient: whence they are

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bring to light as many as can possibly be found. Especially, since it hath been also adjudged, that if a vicar hath

sometimes tempted to demand more than their dues. But, oftner, they who should pay them, take advantage of the ignorance or doubtfulness of their minister concerning his rights, and refuse to acknowledge them. If he submits to take what they are willing to allow him, he lives in straits and contempt. If he contests the matter, his people become prejudiced against him for some time, if not for ever: and there is great danger that for want of being able to come at the proper evidences in the cause, it may be decided the wrong way.

“ Now the principal of these evidences are old endowments. For a vicar may demand what his vicarage was endowed with; and he cannot demand more, unless immemorial usage gives ground for a just presumption, that there was a further endowment, tho’ not now extant. Therefore discoveries of endowments will tend, not only to the right determination of law suits, but to the prevention of them, by shewing both parties, to what they are intitled: and thus will be of common benefit, to the clergy, to impropiators, and to the rest of the laity.

“ The most likely places to find them in, are the registries of the bishop, or dean and chapter of the diocese. But, partly by means of national changes and confusions that have happened, partly thro’ the unfaithfulness or negligence of officers, and partly thro’ other accidents; many of the books, belonging to these registries, are lost from thence: and not a few of them, and likewise of the chartularies and leiger books of dissolved religious houses, in which they recorded, amongst other things, the endowments of their vicarages, are now in various libraries and repositories, publick and private. A list of these endowments, with references to the manuscripts in which they are contained, would certainly be a very useful directory to multitudes of persons, who else would never know, where to seek for them: An account, which of them have been printed, and in what works, may save both trouble and expence to those who desire to consult them, and even in cases where no endowments are to be found, preventing a fruitless search will be doing some good.

“ Therefore the editor of this proposal hopes, that the publick will approve of his undertaking: in which he hath proceeded so far, as to set down, in alphabetical order, the name, with the date, of every endowment in the registers of the see of Canterbury; and all such as he hath been able to discover in the Lambeth, Cotton, Harleian, and other libraries, or in printed books. He now presumes to request, that the several bishops would favour him with the names, and dates, of all endowments, which are in their respective registries: and that the same assistance may be given him by such of the nobility, clergy, and gentry, as have in their custody

hath used time out of mind, or for a long time, to take particular tithes or profits, he shall not lose them, because the original endowment is produced and they are not there; but inasmuch as every bishop had an indisputable right to augment vicarages as there was occasion, and this, whether such right was reserved in the endowment or not; the law will presume, that this addition was made by way of augmentation. *Gibf. 720.*

8. The loss of the original endowment is supplied by prescription; that is, if the vicar hath enjoyed this or that particular tithe by constant usage, the law will presume that he was legally endowed with it; by the same reason that it presumes some tithes might be added, by way of augmentation, which were not in the original endowment. *Gibf. 720.*

Prescription
where the en-
dowment is lost;

9. It is said, that all compositions for the endowments of vicarages shall be expounded by the judges of the common law; and if the spiritual court meddle with that matter, they are to be prohibited. *Watf. c. 39.*

Trial of endow-
ments.

But where the dispute is between rector and vicar, being both spiritual persons, it seemeth that the proper cognizance of the cause belongeth to the ecclesiastical judge.

And in the case of *Drake and Taylor, E. 4 G.* The vicar libelled for tithes of turnips, and laid his title to them by prescription and endowment: The defendant pleaded, that there is a rectory impropriate, and that time out of mind the rector hath taken tithes of turnips; and he moved for a prohibition, and obtained a rule unless cause

custody ancient records of any kind, in which endowments of vicarages are entered.

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After which he subjoins a list of above 200 endowments of vicarages already discovered; and a specimen of the method he proposes to follow, as thus,

ACLEY (Linc. Dioc.) Vicar. de——— Ordinatio vicariæ ecclesiæ parochialis de Acleia Lincoln. Dioc. Dat. Oxon. in festo S. Michaelis A. D. 1343. (Printed in Kenner's Parochial Antiquities, pag. 455. Ex Chartul. S. Fridewidæ Ed. Ch. Oxon.)

ALBOLDESLEY (Linc Dioc.) Vicar. de——— Ordinatio vicariæ A. D. 1361. Regist. Johan. Gynewell Episc: Lincoln. fol. 367, &c.

shewed :

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shewed : And it was insisted, that in this case both the parties are not ecclesiasticks ; for the libel is against a *parishioner*, and it lays a custom which is denied, and must be tried by the common law. But by *Parker* chief justice and the court : Tho' both parties are not ecclesiasticks, yet the thing in controversy belongs either to one ecclesiastick or another ; for either the rector is intitled to the tithes or the vicar ; and what matter is it to the parishioner, who has them ? for he can only pay them to one : This is properly a dispute what belongs to the vicar upon the endowment ; and that evidence which will intitle him to a sentence below, will not enable him to recover here : And if we should grant a prohibition in order to try the custom, yet that will not determine the question upon the endowment ; and therefore we ought not to draw them out of that court, which may properly determine the whole matter. And besides, in the spiritual court fifty years make a prescription, tho' they will not here. And the rule for a prohibition was discharged. *Str.* 87.

But the courts of equity do frequently determine upon the interpretation of endowments.

Favourable construction.

10. Any words in an endowment being doubtful, shall be interpreted by practice, and to the advantage of the vicar. So, in the case of *Barksdale and Smith*, tho' *garba* in the common acceptation relates to corn, yet it appearing that the custom had been for the vicar to have tithe hay, this was judged sufficient to extend it to tithe hay. And the same thing was adjudged in the case of tithe wood, as given by the term *altaragia*, upon the same foundation of custom, in the case of *Reynolds and Green* : Or if given there under the name *minuta decima* ; custom changes a great tithe, as wood is, into small. Upon the occasion of which case, it was said, that the word *alteragium* shall be expounded according to use. And bishop *Stillingsfleet* observed, that in the settlement of the altarage of *Cockrington* by *Grossthead* bishop of *Lincoln*, not only oblations and obventions, but the tithes of wool and lamb, were comprehended under that name. *Gibf.* 719, 720.

And in the case of *Franklyn* and the master and brethren of *St. Cross*, *T.* 1721 ; it was decreed, that where *alteragium* is mentioned in old endowments, and supported by usage, it will extend to small tithes, but not otherwise. *Bunb.* 79.

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The most difficult, though most common question, that relates to the interpretation of endowments, is, what the vicar shall have in virtue of the phrase *minuta decimæ*. Gibf. 720.

Where a vicar was endowed to have the third part of all the tithe corn of such a *manor*; it was adjudged, that he should have tithes of the *freeholders*, as well as of the demesnes of the manor. The reason of the doubt was, that freeholders strictly speaking were not parcel of the manor, as such: But it was resolved, in favour of the vicar, that the word manor there, should signify the precincts of the manor. And so, where the endowment is so expressed, that only tithe corn is reserved to the parson; by construction of law, all the rest falls to the vicar. 2 *Roll's Abr.* 335.

In the aforesaid case of *Franklyn* and the master and brethren of *St. Cross*; altho' by the endowment the vicar was to find the sacrament wine, yet the court were of opinion it should be found by the parishioners according to the rubrick in the book of common prayer. *Bunb.* 79.

III. Augmentation of vicarages.

Dr. Gibson says, it seems to be agreed on all hands, that the ordinary hath power to oblige *spiritual* impropriators to augment vicarages: according to the case of *Hitchcot* and *Thornburgh*, *H. 9 Car.* where the vicar sued the tenant of the master of the choiristers of the church of Sarum (the said master being parson), for addition of maintenance in the spiritual court; and prohibition was denied, upon this reason, that the ordinary might compel the parson to an augmentation, there being such a power reserved to him in all appropriations; and that the lessee (who held for lives according to the statute of the 32 *H. 8.*) came in, subject to the same charge. Gibf. 722. 2 *Roll's Abr.* 337.

It is true, this was an appropriation which had never come to the king by any statute of dissolution; but that circumstance of having been conveyed to the king, made no difference with regard to the jurisdiction of the bishop, so long as they were reconveyed to a spiritual hand, as appears from the case of the dean and chapter of *St. Asaph* in the 12 *Ja.* And the books, when they pronounce impropriations *lay fees*, seem to ground it wholly upon their being in lay hands; and to mean no more, when they say that they become lay fees by the statutes of dissolution,

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solution, than that by those statutes they came into lay hands. The only question then (he says) is, concerning the bishop's power over *lay impropriators*. Gibf. 722. 2 Roll. 100.

Before the dissolution of monasteries, the exercise of ordinary jurisdiction in this particular appears beyond all question. Then come the acts of dissolution, and say, that the king shall have and enjoy, to him and his heirs for ever, all and singular such monasteries and tithes, *in as large and ample manner*, as the abbots held them; and elsewhere, *in the state and condition that they now be*; and that they who take from the king, shall have and hold and enjoy the same, and have all such actions suits entries and the like, in like manner form and condition as before: which acts of dissolution were founded upon the surrenders made by the religious into the hands of the king. Gibf. 722.

From whence it hath been argued; that nothing could come into the king's hands in virtue of the surrenders of the religious, but what was theirs; and that the right of the bishop to augment, and of the vicar to claim augmentation, was not theirs: That the most natural construction of the king's enjoying the impropriations *in the same manner form and state* as the religious did, is, that he shall enjoy them with the same limitations, privileges and burdens, as the religious did: That accordingly, it is granted, that exemptions from tithes can be enjoyed by the grantees, only while the lands *remain in their own hands*, because that privilege which was granted to the several orders was not absolute, but *sub modo*, to wit, whilst they were in their own hands: That because reparations of chancels, payments of curates, proxies, synodals, and the like, rested upon the religious appropriator, therefore they have always rested upon the lay impropriator: That (by like construction) as the religious held those appropriations with the charge of a competent maintenance for the vicar, at the discretion of the ordinary; so do the lay owners hold their impropriations with the same charge: That the meaning of the parliament was not to destroy the rights of other men, but only to suppress the monks: That in the several acts of dissolution, there are general savings of rights to all bodies politick and the like, and particularly of "*portions*, which any may " or might have had in or to the premisses, or to any " part or parcel thereof, in such like manner form and " condition, to all intents and purposes, as if the said

“ acts had not been made ;” and therefore, that the vicar having then a right to a *congrua portio* (that is, *part* or *parcel*, as the statutes speak) out of the rectory, with a right to sue the abbot if he denied it ; and the bishop having a right to assign such portion, and to enforce the allowance of it by sequestration and other ecclesiastical censures ; both the bishop and the vicar have those rights respectively preserved to them in the said general savings : That if it be objected, that those clauses of reservation of right, do not expressly mention, either the jurisdiction of the bishop, or the portion of the vicar ; the answer is, that neither do they mention the reparation of chancels, or payment of the stipends of curates ; yet both these burdens, as having rested upon the religious, passed from them to the king, and from the king to the grantees : That tho’ they are now applied to other ends and uses, than heretofore they were, yet they retain the same nature ; and if it had not been understood, that after the conveyance into lay hands they still remained ecclesiastical duties, they might have been recovered, as other chattels or lay fees are, by action of debt or otherwise at common law, and there had needed no act of parliament to enable laymen to sue for them ; nor would the remedy have been given in the spiritual, but most certainly in the temporal courts. *Gibf. 723.*

But notwithstanding all this, it must be acknowledged, that nothing is more peremptorily delivered throughout the books of common law, than the contrary doctrine ; namely, that since the dissolution, all impropriations (at least in the hands of laymen) are become mere lay fees, or inheritances of a mere temporal nature ; from whence it is inferred, that therefore all such possessions are intirely freed from the spiritual jurisdiction ; and particularly, that the ordinary hath no power to make augmentation of a vicarage, out of any rectory which is in the hands of a lay impropriator. *Gibf. 723.*

And even with respect to *spiritual* impropriators, it may seem from the intire desuetude of the practice, that the ordinary’s power over spiritual impropriators, to compel them to augment vicarages, is at least doubtful ; and the only augmentations that are now made, are either by private benefaction, or by application of the revenue of first fruits and tenths by the governors of queen Anne’s bounty, or both.

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By the statute of the 17 C. 2. c. 3. s. 7. Power is given to the impropriators of tithes, to unite the same to the parsonage or vicarage of the church or chapel where they lie; or to settle the same in trust, for the benefit of the said parsonage, or vicarage, or of the curate where the parsonage is impropriate and no vicar endowed, without any licence of mortmain.

Before this statute, to wit, in the 12 C. 2. soon after the restoration, a bill was brought into the house of commons, for erecting and augmenting of vicarages, and had a first reading, but proceeded no further; having, as is supposed, been superseded and laid aside (at least for that time) in consideration that the ends proposed in it would be in some degree answered, by his majesty's letter to the several bishops respectively, the substance of which is as followeth;

“ Our will is, that forthwith provision be made for
 “ the augmentation of all such vicarages and cures, where
 “ the tithes and profits are appropriated to you and your
 “ successors, in such manner, that they who immediately
 “ attend upon the performance of ministerial offices
 “ in every parish, may have a competent portion out of
 “ every rectory impropriate to your see. And to this
 “ end our farther will is, that no lease be granted of any
 “ rectories or parsonages belonging to your see, until
 “ you shall provide, that the respective vicarages, or curates
 “ places where there are no vicarages endowed,
 “ have so much revenue in glebe, tithes, or other emol-
 “ luments, as commonly will amount to 100 l or 80 l
 “ a year; or more if it will bear it; and in good form of
 “ law settle it upon them and their successors. And
 “ where the rectories are of small value, and cannot ad-
 “ mit of such proportions to the vicar and curate; our
 “ will is, that one half of the profit of such a rectory be
 “ reserved for the maintenance of the vicar or curate, as
 “ is agreeable to the said proportions. And our farther
 “ will is, that you do employ your authority and power,
 “ which by law belongeth to you as ordinary, for the aug-
 “ mentation of vicarages and stipends of curates; and that
 “ you do with due diligence proceed in due form of law
 “ for the raising and establishing convenient maintenance
 “ of those who do attend holy duties in parish churches.
 “ And if any prebendary in any church (the corps of whose
 “ prebend consists in tithes) shall not observe these our
 “ commands, then we require you or the dean of the
 “ church, to use all due means in law, where you or he
 “ have

“ have power to compel them ; or that otherwise you
 “ report to the bishop of the diocese where the said corps
 “ doth lie, that he may interpose his authority for fulfil-
 “ ling this our order. And if any dean, or dean and
 “ chapter, or any that holdeth any dignity or prebend
 “ in the cathedral church, do not observe these our com-
 “ mands, that you call them before you, and see this our
 “ will obeyed.” *Ken. Par. Ant.* 253.

And this design was the more practicable at that time,
 by reason of the number and largeness of the fines that
 were then due. And accordingly, many and large aug-
 mentations were then made. But this was not intended
 barely for augmentations then to be made at that particu-
 lar time, but also for the making thereof by the same
 bodies in future times. And to confirm and perpetuate
 the same, the statute of the 29 C. 2. c. 8. was made as
 followeth :

*Whereas divers archbishops, bishops, deans and chapters,
 and other ecclesiastical persons, in obedience to his majesty's let-
 ters bearing date the first day of June in the twelfth year of
 his reign, and out of a pious care to improve poor vicarages
 and curacies, where the endowment thereof was found too small
 to afford a competent maintenance to those that serve the cure,
 have since his majesty's happy return, upon their renewing of
 leases of rectories or tithes impropriate or appropriate, made,
 or may hereafter make divers reservations beyond the ancient
 rent, to the intent the same should or might become payable to
 the said vicars or curates, in augmentation of their endow-
 ments, which have been for the most part enjoyed accordingly ;
 but in regard that such reservations were not made to the vicars
 or curates, or if they were, no convenient remedy could be had
 by such vicars or curates for the recovery thereof, and they
 were not at the time thereof capable of taking any interest to
 their own use, whereby the said provissions will depend upon
 the good pleasure of the successors, and may in time be disap-
 pointed: Therefore for the establishment of the same, it is en-
 acted, that every augmentation granted or intended to be grant-
 ed since the said first day of June, or which shall at any time
 hereafter be granted reserved or made payable to any vicar or
 curate, or reserved by way of increase of rent to the lessors, but
 intended to be for the benefit of such vicar or curate, by any
 archbishop, bishop, dean, provost, dean and chapter, archdea-
 con, prebendary, or other ecclesiastical corporation person or per-
 sons whatsoever, so making the said reservation out of any rec-
 tory impropriate or portion of tithes belonging to them or any of
 them respectively, shall continue and remain as well during*

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the continuance of the estate or term upon which the said augmentations were granted reserved or agreed to be made payable, as afterwards, in whose hands soever the said rectories or portions of tithes shall be or come; which rectories or portions of tithes shall be chargeable therewith, whether the same be reserved again or not; and the said vicars and curates respectively are hereby adjudged to be in the actual possession thereof, for the use of themselves and their successors, and the same shall for ever hereafter be taken received and enjoyed by the said vicars and curates and their successors, as well during the continuance of the term or estate upon which the said augmentations were granted, as afterwards; and the said vicars and curates shall have remedy for the same, either by distress upon the rectories impropriate or portions of tithes charged therewith, or by action of debt against the person who ought to have paid the same, his executors, or administrators; any disability in the person or persons, bodies politick or corporate so granting, or any disability or incapacity in the vicars or curates, to whom or for whose use or benefit the same are granted or intended to be granted, the statute of mortmain, or any other law, custom, or other matter or thing whatsoever, to the contrary notwithstanding. §. 1, 2.

Provided always, that no future augmentation be confirmed by virtue of this act, which shall exceed one moiety of the clear yearly value, above all reprises, of the rectory impropriate out of which the same shall be granted or reserved. §. 3.

And every archbishop, bishop, dean and chapter respectively, on or before Sep. 29. next coming shall make entry in their registers respectively, of every augmentation or other agreement, which shall be kept as a record; and a copy thereof, proved by witnesses, shall be good evidence, whereupon such vicars or curates may recover the benefit of such augmentation. §. 4, 5.

And if upon the surrender, expiration, or other determination of any lease wherein such augmentation hath been or shall be granted, any new lease of the premises or any part thereof shall hereafter be made, without express continuance of the said augmentation; every such new lease shall be utterly void. §. 8.

And if any question shall arise concerning the validity of such grants, or any other matter or thing in this act contained; such favourable constructions, and such further remedy, if need be, shall be had and made, for the benefit of the vicars and curates, as may be had for other charitable uses, upon the statutes for charitable uses. §. 7.

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By the statute of the 12 *An. sess. 1. c. 4.* provision is made for the augmentation of small livings in the *West Riding* of the county of *York*, by inclosing of wastes therein.

IV. Vicarages how dissolved.

Vicarages tho' duly created, and of long continuance, might be dissolved. The great case in which this point came under consideration, was that of *Britton and Wade, M. 16 Ja.* An appropriation had been made in the time of king John, and so continued till the reign of Hen. 6. when upon the prior's petition to the pope, in regard the priory was poor, the pope granted by his bulls, that for the future the prior should appoint one of his monks to officiate in the cure, who should be removeable at the will of the prior. And this was held to be a good dissolution; because the appropriation, having been made before the 15 *R. 2.* and 4 *H. 4.* was not within those statutes. But *Doderidge* and *Haughton* justices held, that if the appropriation had been within the said statutes, neither pope nor ordinary could have dissolved the vicarage; for if they could be supposed to have that power, the great design of the statute of the 2 *H. 4.* (namely to have a vicar perpetually incumbent) might be defeated at pleasure. And tho' such a power of dissolution were supposed to be consistent with that statute, it seems by no means reconcilable with the disabling statute of the 13 *El. c. 10.* against the granting or conveying the possessions of vicars, as well as of others, in any other manner than that statute directs. *Gibbs. 720.*

But notwithstanding those two statutes, and the opinions of the two learned judges aforesaid: when the case of *Parry and Banks* was brought into the exchequer, in the twelfth year of the same king, where a vicarage was endowed upon an appropriation to the dean and chapter of *St. Asaph*, and in the 24 *Eliz.* was dissolved by the bishop, and united to the rectory, it was held by the barons that the dissolution was good; because the appropriation being to the dean and chapter, and so remaining in a spiritual hand which was capable of the cure, it might well be dissolved. And this appropriation being one of those which came into the king's hands in the 31 *H. 8.* and by the king transferred to the dean and chapter; the court further resolved that if the impropriation had become a lay fee, in the hands of a temporal possessor, the vicarage

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could not have been dissolved, because that would be in effect to destroy the cure. *Gibf. 720.*

Two things more are delivered in the books of common law, concerning dissolution of vicarages, and the union thereof to their rectories: 1. That tho' a vicarage is taken out of the parsonage, and (for the poverty and necessity thereof) may be dissolved and reunited, to supply the parsonage; yet the not presenting for a long time (as for 160 years, which was the case in the books) shall not be a discontinuance of the vicarage; but something ought to be shewn of the act of reuniting. 2. If a vicarage is to be dissolved into a parsonage presentative, the king's licence is not necessary, because no loss accrues to the crown; but if it is to be dissolved into a parsonage appropriatory, there must be the king's licence, because he for ever loseth his title of lapse. *Gibf. 720.*

If the parson appropriate who is patron of the vicarage of the same church, doth present the vicar to the parsonage, this is a reunion of the vicarage to the parsonage, so that the presentee shall have all the tithes and other profits of the church. *Watf. c. 17.*

The usual form of the endowment of a vicarage was to this effect:

*U*niversis Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum visuris vel audituris; Robertus permissione divina Carliolensis ecclesie minister humilis, salutem in Domino semper eternam. Cum nos ad taxationem perpetue vicarie ecclesie de Orton nostre dioceseos vocati, priori et conventui ecclesie de Cunningshed prædictæ ecclesie rectoribus quod taxationi prædictæ interessent, si sibi viderint expedire, autoritate apostolica præcepissimus; ac super valorem prædictæ ecclesie eadem autoritate per viros fide dignos ad hoc juratos et examinatos plenarie inquisitiones fecissimus; prædictus prior pro se et conventu suo in præsentia nostra constitutus, quoad taxationem prædictam ordinationi nostre totaliter se submisit. Nos igitur invocata Spiritus Sancti gratia, prædictis facultatibus pensatis prædictæ ecclesie, autoritate prædicta, in prædictæ ecclesie vicariam perpetuam taxamus quatuor libras et quatuordecim solidos. Pro prædicta summa pecunie, perpetue assignamus eidem vicarie portiones inferius scriptas; videlicet, duas mansiones, cum duabus bovatis terræ, cum omnibus earundem easmentis & pertinentibus omnimodis infra villam & extra, ad easdem mansiones cum duabus bovatis terræ ad ipsas spectantibus, quæ propinquiores sunt ecclesie prædictæ; et omnes obventiones, mortuaria viva et mortua, et
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eorum optima vestimenta, oblationes, videlicet, die omnium sanctorum, die natalis Domini, die purificationis beate Mariæ, et die paschatis; in nuptiis, obitibus, purificationibus, et in omnibus aliis devotionibus dictæ ecclesiæ provenientibus; nec non lanæ et agnorum, et si oves et agni ante festum sancti Martini in hyeme non tondeantur, vel post dictum festum quovis casu fortuito moriantur, decimæ solvantur debito modo et exigantur; lini, et cannabis, et molendinorum, et alias minutas decimas boscorum, pannagii sylvarum, et aliarum arborum si vendantur, stagnorum, columbariorum, hortorum, turborum in locis quibus fodiuntur, aucarum, et anatium, ovorum, et pullorum, nec non porcellorum, apium mellis et cere, artificiorum, negotiationum, nec non stipendiorum, et omnium proventuum rerum aliarum, de cætero satisfaciant ecclesiæ prædictæ competenter, ut de jure teneantur; et etiam decimas garbarum prædictarum duarum bovatarum terre prædictæ vicariæ assignatarum. (Exceptis decimis albis pullinorum et vitularum, decima sæni, nec non et decima propriorum omnium prædicti prioris et conventus in prædicta parochia existentium, ceteri quas rectori volumus assignari.) Ita quod vicarius qui pro tempore fuerit omnia onera ordinaria et extraordinaria pro portione ipsi contingente, videlicet, pro tertia parte, plenarie sustinebit. Ipso vero vicario cedente vel decedente, prædicti prior et conventus liberam habeant facultatem ad eandem vicariam clericum idoneum præsentandi. In cujus rei testimonium præsentis scripto sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus; datum apud Rosam septimo idus Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo ducentesimo sexagesimo tertio, et pontificatus nostri anno quinto.

The law concerning the residence of vicars upon their benefices, is inserted under the title **Residente.**

Aquæ-bajalus. See **Parish-Clerk.**

Archbishops. See **Bishops.**

Archdeacon.

FOR leases made by archdeacons, as sole corporations, see title *Leases*.

Origin of arch-
deacons.

I. As deacons were all originally the attendants and servants of their several bishops in church affairs; so it is certain, that about the end of the third century, there was in several dioceses one chosen out from among the rest, who had the title of archdeacon: and by degrees this office became universal; and they who had it, being always near the bishop, so improved their advantage, that in process of time they began to share with the bishop in his authority. *Johns. 57. Gibs. 969.*

But as the archdeacons, in their original institution, had no relation to the diocese, but only to the episcopal see; so it was by several steps and degrees that they attained to the power they now enjoy. At their first institution, their proper business was, to attend the bishop at the altar, to direct the deacons and other inferior officers in their several duties for the orderly performance of divine service, to attend the bishop at ordinations, and to assist him in the management of the revenues of the church; but without any thing that could be called jurisdiction in the present sense of the word, either in the cathedral or out of it. *Gibs. 969.*

All that while, the *chorepiscopi* had the inspection, under the bishop, of the clergy in the country, and of those parts of the diocese which were remote from the episcopal see; till in the council of Laodicea, in the year 360, it was ordained, that no bishops should be placed in country villages, but only itinerant or visiting presbyters. But the archdeacon, being always near the bishop, and the person mainly intrusted by him, grew into credit and power, and came by degrees (as occasion required) to be employed by him, in visiting the clergy of the diocese, and in the dispatch of other matters relating to the episcopal care: So that by the beginning of the seventh century, he seems to have been fully possessed of the chief care and inspection of the diocese, in subordination to the bishop. *Gibs. 969.*

But this is to be understood with a twofold distinction from the present state and measure of archidiaconal power: 1. That he was employed generally throughout the diocese,

diocese, at the pleasure of the bishop. Such an archdeacon John de Athon calls the general archdeacon, who hath not an archdeaconry distinctly limited, but supplieth the place of the bishop as his vicar universally; by way of distinction from that archdeacon, who hath a distinct limitation of his archdeaconry, and a separate jurisdiction from that of the bishop. And the first of these is the archdeacon, that we find described in the body of the canon law. 2. That the power of the archdeacons, in that ancient state, was chiefly a power of inquiry and inspection; which Lindwood calls a simple inquiry, where he says, that of common right the archdeacon hath power of visitation by way of simple inquiry, as the bishop's vicar; but in such inquiry he hath no power to make corrections in his own name, except in smaller matters, unless custom give him that power. The like doctrine, to that which had been delivered long before by John of Athon: Of common right, saith he, the archdeacons have no power to usurp the greater matters to themselves, but only to report or intimate the same to the bishops. Beyond this, all the rights that any archdeacon enjoys of what kind soever they be, subsist by grants from the bishops; either made voluntarily, to enable archdeacons to visit with greater authority and effect; or of necessity, as claimed and insisted on by archdeacons, upon the foot of long usage and custom. But whatever might be the motive to these concessions on the part of the bishops; it seemeth that the powers enjoyed by archdeacons, beyond that which they claim of common right, accrued to them by express grant or composition (however the evidences may be lost); it being hard to imagine, how deans and chapters, archdeacons, or any other persons, should be allowed to prescribe against a bishop, for any branches of episcopal jurisdiction, and much more for an exemption from it. *Gibf.* 969, 970.

But in virtue of such grants, and of institution to the office they are annexed to; not only the jurisdiction he enjoys is in the eye of the law ordinary jurisdiction, as being in reality a branch of episcopal power, but he himself is properly *ordinarius*, and is recognized as such by the books of common law, which adjudge an administration made by him to be good, tho' it is not expressed by what authority, because as done by the archdeacon, it is presumed to be done *jure ordinario*. *Gibf.* 970.

As to the divisions of dioceses into archdeaconries, and the assignment of particular divisions to particular arch-

deacons; this is supposed to have begun a little after the Norman conquest; when the bishops, as having baronies, and being tied by the constitutions of Clarendon to a strict attendance upon the kings in their great councils, were obliged to larger delegations of power for the administration of their dioceses, than till that time had been accustomed. *Gibf.* 970. 1 *Warn.* 275.

For in the charter of William the conqueror, for appointing the cognizance of ecclesiastical causes in a distinct place or court from the temporal, the archdeacon is mentioned in his ancient general state as the bishop's vicar; where it is said, that "no bishop or archdeacon shall any longer hold pleas in the hundred concerning episcopal matters." And as this charter did establish what we call the consistory court of the bishop in every diocese; so it did enable the bishop by degrees to assign to particular persons what share of episcopal jurisdiction he thought fit, to be exercised archidiaconally within the districts by him appointed. And as this exercise, by long usage, grew into a claim; so those claims, stily maintained on the part of the archdeacons, ended in compositions. Which said assignment of particular powers to particular persons, within their proper districts, put an end to the general capacity of archdeacons, as vicars general throughout the whole diocese; and made way for those officers, who are known in our provincial constitutions, and the glosses upon them, by the names of vicar general, official, and chancellor to the bishop; and who are vested with a delegated power to exercise, in the place of the bishop, all such jurisdiction as hath not been granted away to others, or that he hath not in the commission reserved to himself. *Gibf.* 970.

How appointed.

2. Archdeaconries are commonly given by bishops, who do therefore prefer to the same by collation: But if an archdeaconry be in the gift of a layman, the patron doth present to the bishop, who institutes in like manner as to another benefice; and then the dean and chapter do induct him, that is, after some ceremonies place him in a stall in the cathedral church to which he belongeth, whereby he is said to have a place in the choir. *Watsf.* c. 15.

Archdeacons by the 13 & 14 C. 2. c. 4. are to read the common prayer and declare their assent thereunto, as other persons admitted to ecclesiastical benefices; and also must subscribe the same before the ordinary; but they are not obliged by the 13 *Eliz.* to subscribe and read the thirty

thirty nine articles ; for altho' an archdeaconry be a benefice with cure, yet it is not such a benefice with cure as seems to be intended by that statute, but only such benefices with cure as have particular churches belonging to them. *Wats. c. 15.*

And they are to take the oaths at the sessions, as other persons qualifying for offices.

3. By the canon law the archdeacon is styled *the bishop's eye* ; and hath power to hold visitations (when the bishop is not there) ; and hath also power under the bishop of the examination of clerks to be ordained, as also of institution and induction ; likewise of excommunication, injunction of penances, suspension, correction, inspecting and reforming irregularities and abuses among the clergy ; and a charge of the parochial churches within the diocese ; In a word, according to the practice of, and latitude given by the canon law, to supply the bishop's room, and (as the words of that law are) in all things to be the bishop's vicegerent. *God. 61.*

In general, the archdeacon's jurisdiction is founded on immemorial custom, in subordination to the bishop's ; and he is to be regulated as to his dignity office and power, according to the law usage and custom of his own church and diocese. *1 Still. 238. God. 64.*

For in some places the archdeacons have much greater power than in others. As in the diocese of Carlisle ; the archdeacon hath no jurisdiction : but he retaineth still that more ancient right, of examining and presenting persons to be ordained, and of inducing persons instituted.

4. The judge of the archdeacon's court (where he doth not preside himself) is called the official. *Wood Com. L. b. 4. c. 1.*

5. By the statute of the 24 H. 8. c. 12. An appeal lieth from the archdeacon's to the bishop's court.

M. 8 W. Robinson and Godsalve. Upon motion for a prohibition to stay a suit in the bishop's court, upon suggestion that the party lived within a peculiar archdeaconry ; it was resolved by the court, that where the archdeacon hath a peculiar jurisdiction, he is totally exempt from the power of the bishop, and the bishop cannot enter there, and hold court ; and in such case, if the party who lives within the peculiar be sued in the bishop's court, a prohibition shall be granted ; for the statute intends that no suit shall be per saltum : But if the archdeacon hath not a peculiar, then the bishop and he have concurrent jurisdiction, and the party may commence his suit, either

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in the archdeacon's court or the bishop's, and he hath election to chuse which he pleaseth : And if he commence in the bishop's court, no prohibition shall be granted ; for if it should, it would confine the bishop's court to determine nothing but appeals, and render it incapable of having any causes originally commenced there. *L. Raym.* 123.

Arches.

THE person who administers justice in the court of arches, is the official principal of the archbishop ; who was called *officialis de arcubus*, and the court itself *curia de arcubus*, or Bow-church (so called from the steeple being raised at the top with stone pillars archwise) ; and being the church where the dean of those peculiars (commonly called the dean of the arches) held his courts. And because these two courts were held in the same place, and the dean of the arches was usually substituted in the absence of the official while the offices remained in two persons, and the offices themselves have in many instances been united in one and the same person, as they now remain ; by these means a wrong notion hath obtained, that it is the dean of the arches, as such, who hath jurisdiction throughout the province of Canterbury ; whereas the jurisdiction of that office is limited to the thirteen peculiars of the archbishop in the city of London ; and the jurisdiction throughout the province, for receiving of appeals, and the like, belongs to him only as official principal. *Gibf.* 1004. *Johns.* 257.

In like manner the right of jurisdiction in every diocese of the province, during the vacancies of the sees, tho' vested by patent in the same person, belongs not to him as dean of the arches, but as vicar general of the archbishop. *Gibf.* 104.

And the same person is likewise judge of the peculiars, that is, of all those parishes, fifty seven in number, which tho' lying in other dioceses, yet are no way subject to the bishop or archdeacon, but to the archbishop. *Johns.* 257.

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This court of the arches is very ancient, and subsisted long before the time of king Henry the second; for Alexander the third, then bishop of Rome, did by his edict to the dean of the arches and Robert Kilwarby then archbishop of Canterbury, abrogate and abolish the then ancient statutes of this court, and set up others in their stead; and it was there said, that those ancient statutes were then by length of time become not legible. *Conset. 4.*

This court (as also the court of peculiars, the admiralty court, the prerogative court, and the court of delegates for the most part) is now held in the hall belonging to the college of civilians, commonly called doctors commons. *Floy. 21.*

From this court the appeal is to the king in chancery; by the 25 *H. 8. c. 19.*

Archipresbyter.

THE archipresbyter was so called, because he was in some certain matters and causes set or appointed over the priests or presbyters, and such as were of the sacerdotal office; especially in the absence of the bishop. *God. Rep. Can. 56.*

And by the canon law, he that is archipresbyter is also called dean. *id.*

Arrest in the church or church-yard. See Church.

Articles.

I. THE thirty nine articles were mainly founded upon a body of articles compiled and published in the reign of king Edward the sixth. The thirty nine articles.

They were first passed in the convocation, and confirmed by the royal authority, in the year 1562.

Then they were afterwards ratified anew in the year 1571, in the following form; which form is printed at the end of the said articles; and is that same ratification which

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which is referred to by the 36th canon hereafter mentioned; viz. "This book of articles before rehearsed, is again approved, and allowed to be holden and executed within the realm, by the assent and consent of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God, of England, France, and Ireland, queen, defender of the faith, and so forth. Which articles were deliberately read, and confirmed again by the subscription of the hand of the archbishop and bishops of the upper house, and by the subscription of the whole clergy of the nether house in their convocation, in the year of our Lord 1571."

Then they were again ratified by king Charles the first, in these words, which are commonly prefixed to the said book of articles; viz. "Being by God's ordinance, according to our just title, defender of the faith, and supreme governor of the church, within these our dominions; we hold it most agreeable to this our kingly office and our own religious zeal, to conserve and maintain the church committed to our charge, in the unity of true religion and in the bond of peace, and not to suffer unnecessary disputations, altercations, or questions to be raised, which may nourish faction both in the church and commonwealth. We have therefore upon mature deliberation, and with the advice of so many of our bishops as might conveniently be called together, thought fit to make this declaration following:

"That the articles of the church of England (which have been allowed and authorized heretofore, and which our clergy generally have subscribed unto) do contain the true doctrine of the church of England, agreeable to God's word; which we do therefore ratify and confirm, requiring all our loving subjects to continue in the uniform profession thereof, and prohibiting the least difference from the said articles, which to that end we command to be new printed, and this our declaration to be published therewith:

"That we are supreme governor of the church of England: and that if any difference arise about the external policy, concerning injunctions, canons, and other constitutions whatsoever thereto belonging, the clergy in their convocation is to order and settle them, having first obtained leave under our broad seal so to do, and we approving the said ordinances and constitutions; providing that none be made contrary to the laws and customs of the land;

"That

“ That out of our princely care that the churchmen
 “ may do the work which is proper unto them, the
 “ bishops and clergy from time to time, in convocation,
 “ upon their humble desire, shall have licence under our
 “ broad seal, to deliberate of, and to do all such things,
 “ as being made plain by them, and assented unto by us,
 “ shall concern the settled continuance of the doctrine
 “ and discipline of the church of England now establish-
 “ ed, from which we will not endure any varying or
 “ departing in the least degree :

“ That for the present, though some differences have
 “ been ill raised, yet we take comfort in this, that all
 “ clergymen within our realm have always most willing-
 “ ly submitted to the articles established, which is an
 “ argument to us, that they all agree in the true usual
 “ literal meaning of the said articles, and that even in
 “ those curious points in which the present differences
 “ lie, men of all sorts take the articles of the church of
 “ England to be for them ; which is an argument again,
 “ that none of them intend any desertion of the articles
 “ established :

“ That therefore in these both curious and unhappy
 “ differences, which have for so many hundred years in
 “ different times and places exercised the church of Christ,
 “ we will that all further curious search be laid aside,
 “ and these disputes shut up in God's promises as they be
 “ generally set forth to us in the holy scriptures, and the
 “ general meaning of the articles of the church of Eng-
 “ land according to them ; and that no man hereafter
 “ shall either print or preach to draw the article aside any
 “ way, but shall submit to it in the plain and full mean-
 “ ing thereof, and shall not put his own sense or com-
 “ ment to be the meaning of the article, but shall take
 “ it in the literal and grammatical sense :

“ That if any publick reader in either our universities,
 “ or any head or master of a college, or any other per-
 “ son respectively in either of them, shall affix any sense
 “ to any article, or shall publicly read determine or
 “ hold any publick disputation, or suffer any such to be
 “ held either way, in either the universities or colleges
 “ respectively ; or if any divine in the universities shall
 “ preach or print any thing either way, other than is
 “ already established in convocation with our royal
 “ assent ; he or they the offenders shall be liable to our
 “ displeasure, and the churches censure in our com-
 “ mission ecclesiastical, as well as any other ; and we
 “ will see there shall be due execution upon them.”

2. By

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by persons to be
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By persons to be
ordained priests.

By persons to be
admitted to be-
nifices.

2. By the 13 *El. c. 12.* None shall be admitted to the order of deacon, unless he shall first subscribe to the said articles. f. 5.

3. And by the same statute ; none shall be made minister, or admitted to preach or administer the sacraments, unless he first bring to the bishop of that diocese, from men known to the bishop to be of sound religion, a testimonial of his professing the doctrine expressed in the said articles, nor unless he be able to answer and render to the ordinary an account of his faith in latin according to the said articles, or have special gift or ability to be a preacher ; nor unless he shall first subscribe to the said articles. f. 5.

4. By *Can. 36.* No person shall be received into the ministry, nor either by institution or collation admitted to any ecclesiastical living, nor suffered to preach, to catechize, or to be a lecturer or reader of divinity in either university, or in any cathedral or collegiate church, city, or market town, parish church, chapel, or in any other place, except he shall first subscribe to this article following ; viz. That he alloweth the book of articles of religion agreed upon by the archbishops and bishops of both provinces, and the whole clergy in the convocation holden at London in the year of our Lord God one thousand five hundred sixty and two ; and that he acknowledgeth all and every the articles therein contained, being in number nine and thirty, besides the ratification, to be agreeable to the word of God.

And by the statute of the 13 *El. c. 12.* No person shall be admitted to any benefice with cure, except he shall first have subscribed the said articles in the presence of the ordinary ; and all admissions to benefices of any person contrary to this act, and all dispensations, qualifications, and licences to the contrary, shall be merely void in law, as if they never were. f. 3, 7.

The said articles] It hath been doubted by some, what articles are here meant, namely, whether all the 39 articles, or only such of them as are in this act above specified. The case is this : The act requires first of all, that every person under the degree of a bishop, pretending to be a preacher or minister by reason of any other form of institution, consecration, or ordering, than the form set forth in the time of Edw. 6. or then used, should before Dec. 25. then next following, declare his assent and subscription to all the articles of religion, *which only*

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concern the confession of the true christian faith and the doctrine of the sacraments, comprized in a book imprinted, intituled, "Articles, whereupon it was agreed by the archbishops and bishops of both provinces, and the whole clergy, in the convocation holden at London in the year 1562," &c. After which follow the several clauses requiring subscription to the *said articles* in time to come; and the question is, whether to the whole book of articles, or only to such of them as concern only the confession of the true faith and the doctrine of the sacraments, for these only were required in the former part of the act. And there is a remarkable passage in D'Ewe's Journal, p. 239. which explains the aforesaid clause, requiring assent and subscription to some of the articles, and not to all. Mr. Peter Wentworth, in a speech in the house of commons, inveighing against a message of the queen to the house, that they should not deal in any matters of religion, but first to receive from the bishops, expresseth himself thus: "I have heard of old parliament men, that the banishment of the pope and popery, and the restoring of true religion, had their beginning from this house, and not from the bishops. And I have heard, that few laws for religion had their foundation from them. And I do surely think (before God I speak it) that the bishops were the cause of that doleful message; and I will shew you what moveth me so to think. I was, amongst others, the last parliament, sent unto the bishop of Canterbury, for the articles of religion that then passed this house. He asked us, why we did put out of the book the articles for the homilies, consecrating of bishops, and such like? Surely, Sir, said I, because we were so occupied in other matters, that we had no time to examine them how they agreed with the word of God. What, said he, surely you mistook the matter; you will refer yourselves wholly to us therein? No, by the faith I bear to God, said I, we will pass nothing before we understand what it is; for that were but to make you popes: make you popes who list, said I, for we will make you none. And sure, Mr. Speaker, the speech seemed to me to be a pope-like speech; and I fear lest our bishops do attribute this of the pope's canons unto themselves, *Papa non potest errare.*"

N. B. The articles which concern faith and doctrine are, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22. *Gibf.* 321.

5. By

By the heads of colleges.

5. By the 13 & 14 C. 2. c. 4. Every governor or head of any college or hall in either of the universities, or of the colleges of Westminster, Winchester, or Eaton, shall within one month next after his election or collation and admission into the same government or headship, openly and publickly in the church chapel or other publick place of the same college or hall, and in the presence of the fellows and scholars of the same or the greater part of them then resident, subscribe unto the nine and thirty articles of religion mentioned in the statute made in the thirteenth year of the late queen Elizabeth, and declare his unfeigned assent and consent unto and approbation thereof; on pain to lose and be suspended from all the benefits and profits belonging to the same government or headship, by the space of six months, by the visitor or visitors of the same college or hall; and if such governor or head so suspended for not subscribing, shall not at or before the end of six months next after such suspension subscribe unto the said articles, and declare his consent thereunto as aforesaid, then such government or headship shall be ipso facto void. s. 17.

By chancellors, officials, and commissaries.

6. By *Can.* 127. No man shall be admitted a chancellor, commissary, or official, except before he enter into or execute such office, he shall take the oath of supremacy before the bishop or in open court, and subscribe to the 39 articles; the said oath and subscription to be recorded by a register then present.

By lecturers.

7. By the same statute of the 13 & 14 C. 2. c. 4. No person shall be received or allowed to preach as a lecturer, unless he be first approved, and thereunto licensed, by the archbishop of the province, or bishop of the diocese, or (in case the see be void) by the guardian of the spiritualities; and shall, in the presence of the said archbishop or bishop or guardian, read the nine and thirty articles of religion mentioned in the statute of the thirteenth year of the late queen Elizabeth, with declaration of his unfeigned assent to the same. s. 19.

By curates to be licensed.

8. By the 13 *El.* c. 12. Curates admitted to any benefice with cure (as all perpetual curacies and chapels augmented by the governors of queen Anne's bounty are) shall subscribe the said articles in presence of the ordinary.

By schoolmasters.

9. By *Can.* 77. No man shall be admitted schoolmaster, except he subscribe to the first and third articles in the thirty sixth canon, concerning the king's supremacy, and the 39 articles, that he acknowledgeth them to be agreeable to the word of God.

10. By

10. By the 1 *W. c.* 18. Dissenting ministers and teachers are to declare their approbation of and to subscribe the articles of religion mentioned in the statute made in the thirteenth year of the reign of the late queen Elizabeth, except the 34th, 35th, and 36th, and part of the 20th (and in the case of anabaptists, except also part of the 27th); otherwise they shall not enjoy the privileges benefits and advantages of the act of toleration.

By dissenting
teachers or
preachers.

11. By the aforesaid act of the 13 & 14 *C. 2. c. 4.* (which establisheth the present book of common prayer); All subscriptions to be made to the said articles, shall be construed to extend, for and touching the 36th of the said articles, concerning the book of consecration of archbishops and bishops and ordaining of priests and deacons set forth in the time of king Edward the sixth, unto the book containing the form and manner of making ordaining and consecrating of bishops priests and deacons in this act mentioned, in such sort and manner as the same did extend unto the said former book set forth in the time of king Edward the sixth. *f. 30, 31.*

In what sense the
thirty sixth ar-
ticle is to be sub-
scribed unto.

12. By the 13 *El. c. 12.* Every person to be admitted to a benefice with cure, except that within two months after his induction [or at the same time that he shall read the morning and evening prayer, and declare his assent thereunto, 23 *G. 2. c. 28.*] he do publickly read the said articles in the same church whereof he shall have cure, in the time of common prayer there, with declaration of his unfeigned assent thereunto, shall upon such default be ipso facto immediately deprived. *f. 3.*

To be read by
ministers after
induction.

And all institutions and inductions contrary hereunto, and all dispensations, qualifications and licences to the contrary, shall be merely void. *f. 7.*

13. By *Can. 5.* Whoever shall affirm, that any of the nine and thirty articles agreed upon by the archbishops and bishops of both provinces, and the whole clergy in the convocation holden at London in the year 1562, are in any part superstitious or erroneous, or such as he may not with a good conscience subscribe unto; let him be excommunicated ipso facto, and not restored but only by the archbishop, after his repentance and public revocation of such his wicked errors.

Penalty of op-
sing the same.

And by the statute of the 13 *El. c. 12.* If any person ecclesiastical, or which shall have ecclesiastical living, shall advisedly maintain or affirm any doctrine directly contrary or repugnant to any of the said articles, and being convened before the bishop of the diocese, or the ordi-

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dinary, shall persist therein, or not revoke his error, or after such revocation afterwards affirm such untrue doctrine; he shall by such bishop or ordinary be deprived of his ecclesiastical promotions. s. 2.

Assessment for the repair of the church. See **Church.**

Assets. See **Wills.**

Assise.

ASSISE is a writ that lieth, where any man is put out of his lands or tenements, or of any profit to be taken in a certain place, and so disseised of his freehold.

Of which there are four kinds:

(1) Assise of *novel disseisin*; which is, where tenant in fee simple, fee tail, or for term of life, is put out and disseised of his lands or tenements, rents, common of pasture, common way, or of an office, toll, or the like.

(2) Assise of *mort d' ancestor*; which lieth where a man's ancestor under whom he claimeth, died seised of lands, tenements, rents, or the like, that were held in fee; and after such ancestor's death, a stranger abateth.

(3) Assise of *darrein presentment*; which is, where a man and his ancestors have presented a clerk to a church, and afterwards, the church being void, a stranger presents his clerk to the same church, whereby the person having right is disturbed.

(4) Assise *de utrum*; which lieth for a parson against a layman, or a layman against a parson, for lands or tenements doubtful; whether they be lay fee, or free alms belonging to the church. *Terms of the law.*

Audience.

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THE archbishop of Canterbury had formerly his court of audience; in which at first were dispatched all such matters, whether of voluntary or contentious jurisdiction, as the archbishop thought fit to reserve for his own hearing. They who prepared evidence, and other materials to lay before the archbishop, in order to his decision, were called auditors. Afterwards this court was removed from the archbishop's palace, and the jurisdiction of it was exercised by the master official of the audience, who held his court in the consistory place at St. Paul's. But now the three great offices of official principal of the archbishop, dean or judge of the peculiar, and official of the audience are and have been for a long time past united in one person, under the general name of dean of the arches; who keepeth his court in doctors-commons hall. *Johns. 254.*

The archbishop of York hath in like manner his court of audience. *Johns. 255.*

Augmentation of small livings by the revenue of the first fruits and tenths. See **First Fruits.**

Avoidance.

1. **A**VOIDANCE, as opposed to plenarty, is, where there is a want of a lawful incumbent on a benefice, during which vacancy the church is *quasi viduata*, and the possessions belonging to it are in *abeyance*. God. *Introd. 42.* Avoidance what

And this happeneth several ways:

2. The most usual and known means, by which any spiritual promotion doth become void, is by the *act of God*, viz. by the death of the incumbent thereof. And such avoidance doth commence from the day of the death of such incumbent. And the patron is obliged to take notice of it at his peril, and not to expect an intimation from the ordinary. *Watf. c. 1.* By death.

3. By resignation; which is the *act of the incumbent*. By resignation. And this being necessarily made into the hands of the ordinary,

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dinary, and not valid but as admitted by him; the voidance consequent upon it is to be notified by the ordinary to the patron. *Gibf. 792.*

By cession.

4. By cession, or the acceptance of a benefice incompatible; which also is the act of the *incumbent*. In which case, the benefice, if of the yearly value of 8l or above, is void by act of parliament, and no notice is needful; if under 8l a year, it is void by the canon law, and the patron may either present his clerk immediately and require admission, or may sue in the court christian for sentence of deprivation, and wait for notice to be given thereupon, or the ordinary himself may ex mero officio proceed to deprivation, and then give notice. In like manner, when a parson possessed of ecclesiastical benefices of any kind, is promoted to a bishoprick, and there is no dispensation to hold them in commendam with the bishoprick; in such case, upon the consecration of the bishop they become void, and the right of presentation belongs to the crown. *Gibf. 792. Wats. c. 2.*

But by law in Ireland, no person can take any dignity or benefice there, till he has resigned all his preferments in England: by which resignation the king is prevented of the presentation. Which is said to have been agreed, in the case of the bishops of Durham and Salisbury, upon the promotion of Dr. Rundle to the bishoprick of Derry in the year 1735.

By deprivation.

5. By deprivation; which is the *act of the ordinary*: Which voidance being created by sentence in the ecclesiastical court, must be notified to the patron; but takes not place presently, if an appeal is depending. *Gibf. 792.*

By act of the law.

6. By the *act of the law*; as in case of simony; not subscribing the articles or declaration; or not reading of the articles or the common prayer. All which being voidances by act of parliament, are to be understood (with regard to the times of the commencement of such voidances, and the notice of them) according to the directions and limitations of the respective acts. *Gibf. 792.*

How tried.

7. By the 25 Ed. 3. ft. 3. c. 8. *Whereas the prelates have shewed and prayed remedy, for that the secular justices do accroach to them cognisance of voidance of benefices of right, which cognisance and the discussing thereof pertaineth to the judges of holy church, and not to the lay judge; the king will and granteth, that the said justices shall from henceforth receive such challenges made or to be made by any prelate of holy church in this behalf; and moreover thereof shall do right and reason.*

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And the distinction which hath obtained is this: If it come in question, whether the church be full of an incumbent or not, the same shall be tried by the certificate of the bishop, who best knows of the institution, but if the issue to be tried be, whether the church be void or not, the same shall be tried by a jury at the common law, unless the issue to be tried be upon some special act of avoidance, for then the same shall be tried by the certificate of the bishop, so as the especial cause of the avoidance be spiritual. *Hughes, c. 13. Gibs. 793.*

Baptism.

I. *Baptism of infants.*

II. *Publick baptism.*

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VI. *Baptism of the children of papists.*

VII. *Baptism of negroes in the plantations.*

VIII. *Fee for baptism.*

I. *Baptism of infants.*

Art. 27. **T**HE baptism of young children is in any wise to be retained in the church, as most agreeable with the institution of Christ.

Rubr. The curates of every parish shall often admonish the people, that they defer not the baptism of their children longer than the first or second Sunday next after their birth, or other holiday falling between; unless upon a great and reasonable cause, to be approved by the curate.

II. *Publick baptism.*

1. At first baptism was administered publickly, as occasion served, by rivers: Afterwards the baptistery was built, at the entrance of the church or very near it; which had a large bason in it, that held the persons to be baptized, and they went down by steps into it.

Baptism.

Afterwards, when immersion came to be disused, fonts were set up at the entrance of churches. *1 Still. Eccl. Cases* 146.

Edmund. There shall be a font of stone, or other competent material, in every church; which shall be decently covered and kept, and not converted to other uses. *Lind.* 241.

And by *Can.* 81. There shall be a font of stone, in every church, and chapel where baptism is to be ministred; the same to be set in the antient usual places; in which only font, the minister shall baptize publickly.

When.

2. *Rubr.* The people are to be admonished, that it is most convenient that baptism shall not be administred but upon sundays and other holidays, when the most number of people come together; as well for that the congregation there present may testify the receiving of them that be newly baptized into the number of Christ's church; as also because in the baptism of infants, every man present may be put in remembrance of his own profession made to God in his baptism. Nevertheless, if necessity so require, children may be baptized upon any other day.

And by *Can.* 68. No minister shall refuse or delay to christen any child according to the form of the book of common prayer, that is brought to the church to him upon sundays and holidays to be christened (convenient warning being given him thereof before). And if he shall refuse so to do; he shall be suspended by the bishop of the diocese, from his ministry, by the space of three months.

Previous notice.

3. *Rubr.* When there are children to be baptized, the parents shall give knowledge thereof over night, or in the morning before the beginning of morning prayer, to the curate.

Godfathers.

4. *Rubr.* There shall be for every male child to be baptized, two godfathers and one godmother; and for every female, one godfather and two godmothers.

Can. 29. No parent shall be urged to be present, nor be admitted to answer as godfather for his own child: nor any godfather or godmother shall be suffered to make any other answer or speech, than by the book of common prayer is prescribed in that behalf. Neither shall any person be admitted godfather or godmother to any child at christening or confirmation, before the

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said person so undertaking hath received the holy communion.

5. *Rubr.* And the godfathers and godmothers, and the people with the children, must be ready at the font, either immediately after the last lesson at morning prayer, or else immediately after the last lesson at evening prayer, as the curate by his discretion shall appoint. At what time to attend.

6. *Rubr.* And the priest coming to the font, which is then to be filled with pure water, shall perform the office of publick baptism. Office.

Note, the questions in the office of the 2 Ed. 6. *Dost thou renounce*, and so on, were put to the child, and not to the godfathers and godmothers; which (with all due submission) seemeth more applicable to the end of the institution; besides that it is not consistent (as it seemeth) with the propriety of language, to say to three persons collectively, *Dost thou* in the name of this child do this or that?

7. By a constitution of archbishop *Peccham*, The ministers shall take care not to permit wanton names, which being pronounced do sound to lasciviousness, to be given to children baptized, especially of the female sex: and if otherwise it be done, the same shall be changed by the bishop at confirmation. *Lind.* 245. Naming the child.

Which being so changed at confirmation (Lord Coke says), shall be deemed the lawful name. *1 Inst.* 3.

And this might be so in the time of lord Coke; but now the case seemeth to be altered. In the ancient offices of confirmation, the bishop pronounced the name of the child; and if the bishop did not approve of the name, or the person to be confirmed or his friends desired it to be altered, it might be done, by the bishop's then pronouncing a new name: But by the form of the present liturgy, the bishop doth not pronounce the name of the person to be confirmed, and therefore cannot alter it. *Johns.*

A. D. 1281. num. 3.

8. *Rubr.* The priest, taking the child into his hands, shall say to the godfathers and godmothers, Name this child: And then naming it after them (if they shall certify him that the child may well endure it) he shall dip it in the water discreetly and warily, saying, N. I baptize thee, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Dipping.

But if they certify that the child is weak, it shall suffice to pour water upon it. *Id.*

Note, the dipping by the office of the 2 *Ed.* 6. was not all over; but they first dipped the right side, then the left, then the face towards the font.

Cross.

9. Then the minister shall sign the child with the sign of the cross. And to take away all scruple concerning the same; the true explication thereof, and the just reasons for the retaining of this ceremony, are set forth in the thirtieth canon. *Rubr.*

The substance of which canon is this: That the first christians gloried in the cross of Christ; that the scripture doth set forth our whole redemption under the name of the cross; that the sign of the cross was used by the first christians in all their actions, and especially in the baptizing of their children; that the abuse of it by the church of Rome doth not take away the lawful use of it; that the same hath been approved by the reformed divines, with sufficient cautions nevertheless against superstition in the use of it, as, that it is no part of the substance of this sacrament, and that the infant baptized is by virtue of baptism before it be signed with the sign of the cross received into the congregation of Christ's flock as a perfect member thereof, and not by any power ascribed to the sign of the cross; and therefore that the same being purged from all popish superstition and error, and reduced to its primary institution upon those rules of doctrine concerning things indifferent which are consonant to the word of God and to the judgments of all the ancient fathers, ought to be retained in the church, considering that things of themselves indifferent do in some sort alter their natures when they become enjoined or prohibited by lawful authority.

III. *Private baptism.*

Rubr. The curates of every parish shall often warn the people, that without great cause and necessity, they procure not their children to be baptized at home in their houses.

Can. 69. If any minister being duly, without any manner of collusion, informed of the weakness and danger of death of any infant unbaptized in his parish, and thereupon desired to go or come to the place where the said infant remaineth, to baptize the same, shall either wilfully refuse so to do, or of purpose or of gross negligence shall so defer the time, as when he might conveniently have resorted to the place, and have baptized the said infant,

fant, it dieth thro' such his default unbaptized; the said minister shall be suspended for three months, and before his restitution shall acknowledge his fault, and promise before his ordinary, that he will not wittingly incur the like again. Provided, that where there is a curate, or a substitute, this constitution shall not extend to the parson or vicar himself, but to the curate or substitute present.

Rubr. The child being named by some one that is present, the minister shall *pour* water upon it.

And let them not doubt, but that the child so baptized is lawfully and sufficiently baptized, and ought not to be baptized again. Yet nevertheless, if the child which is after this sort baptized do afterward live, it is expedient that it be brought into the church, to the intent that the congregation may be certified of the true form of baptism privately before administered to such child. *Id.*

IV. Lay baptism.

Edmund. Women, when their time of child-bearing is near at hand, shall have water ready, for baptizing the child in case of necessity. *Lind.* 63.

Otho. For cases of necessity, the priests on sundays shall frequently instruct their parishioners in the form of baptism. *Athon.* 10.

Peccham. Which form shall be thus: *I crysten the in the name of the Fader, and of the Sone, and of the Holy Goste.* *Lind.* 244.

Peccham. Infants baptized by laymen or women (in imminent danger of death), shall not be baptized again: And the priest shall afterwards supply the rest. *Lind.* 41.

Edmund. If a child shall be baptized by a lay person at home, by reason of necessity; the water (for the reverence of baptism) shall be either poured into the fire, or carried to the church to be put in the font: and the vessel shall be burnt, or applied to the uses of the church. *Lind.* 241.

By the *Rubricks* of the 2d and of the 5th of Edward the sixth; it was ordered thus: The pastors and curates shall often admonish the people, that without great cause and necessity *they baptize not* children at home in their houses; and when great need shall compel them so to do, that then *they minister it* on this fashion: First, let *them that be present* call upon God for his grace, and say the

the Lord's prayer, if the time will suffer: And then *one of them* shall name the child, and dip him in the water, or pour water upon him, saying these words, I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

In the manuscript copy of the articles made in convocation in the year 1575, the twelfth is, Item, Where some ambiguity and doubt hath risen among divers, by what persons private baptism is to be administered; forasmuch as by the book of common prayer allowed by the statute, the bishop of the diocese is authorized to expound and resolve all such doubts as shall arise, concerning the manner how to understand and to execute the things contained in the said book; it is now, by the said archbishop and bishops expounded and resolved, and every of them doth expound and resolve, that the said private baptism, in case of necessity, is only to be ministered by a lawful minister or deacon called to be present for that purpose, and by none other: And that every bishop in his diocese shall take order, that this exposition of the said doubt shall be published in writing, before the first day of May next coming, in every parish church of his diocese in this province; and thereby all other persons shall be inhibited to intermeddle with the ministering of baptism privately, being no part of their vocation.

This article was not published in the printed copy; but whether on the same account that the fifteenth article was left out (namely, because disapproved by the crown) doth not certainly appear. However the ambiguity remained, till the conference at Hampton-court, in which the king said, that if baptism was termed private, because any but a lawful minister might baptize, he utterly disliked it, and the point was there debated; which debate ended in an order to the bishops to explain it so, as to restrain it to a lawful minister.

Accordingly, in the book of common prayer which was set forth in the same year, the alterations were printed in the rubrick thus: — And also they shall warn them, that without great cause they *procure not their children to be baptized* at home in their houses. And when great need shall compel them so to do, then *baptism shall be administered* on this fashion: First, let *the lawful minister* and them that be present call upon God for his grace, and say the Lord's prayer, if the time will suffer: and then *the child being named by some one that is present, the said minister*

minister shall dip it in the water, or pour water upon it: —
And other expressions, in other parts of the service, which seemed before to admit of lay baptism, were so turned, as expressly to exclude it. *Gibbs. 369.*

Nevertheless, bishop Fleetwood says, that lay baptism is not declared invalid by any of the offices or rubricks, nor in any publick act hath the church ever ordered such as have been baptized by lay hands to be rebaptized by a lawful minister, though at the time of the restoration there were supposed to be in England and Wales 2 or 300,000 souls baptized by such as are called lay hands. He says, whether the indispensable necessity of baptism be the doctrine of the church of England or no, he cannot with certainty determine; but because he is persuaded that the church doth not hold lay baptism to be invalid, he is so far persuaded that the church holdeth baptism to be indispensibly necessary where it can possibly be had, and will have lay baptism (when a lawful minister cannot be had) rather than none at all, *Fleetw. Works, 530.*

V. Baptism of those of riper years.

Preface to the book of common prayer. It was thought convenient, that some prayers and thanksgivings, fitted to special occasions, should be added; particularly, an office for the baptism of such as are of riper years; which, altho' not so necessary when the former book was compiled, yet by the growth of anabaptism thro' the licentiousness of the late times crept in amongst us, is now become necessary, and may be always useful for the baptizing of natives in our plantations, and others converted to the faith.

Rubrick. When any such persons as are of riper years are to be baptized, timely notice shall be given to the bishop or whom he shall appoint for that purpose, a week before at the least, by the parents or some other discreet persons; that so due care may be taken for their examination, whether they be sufficiently instructed in the principles of the christian religion; and that they may be exhorted to prepare themselves with prayers and fasting for the receiving of this holy sacrament.

And if they shall be found fit, then the godfathers and godmothers (the people being assembled upon the sunday or holiday appointed) shall be ready to present them at the font, immediately after the second lesson, either at morning

morning or evening prayer, as the curate in his discretion shall think fit.

And it is expedient that every person thus baptized should be confirmed by the bishop, so soon after his baptism as conveniently may be; that so he may be admitted to the holy communion.

VI. *Baptism of the children of papists.*

By the 3 *Jac. c. 5*. Every popish recusant, which shall have any child born, shall within one month next after the birth, cause the same to be baptized by a lawful minister, according to the laws of this realm, in the open church of the parish where the child shall be born, or in some other church near adjoining, or chapel where baptism is usually administred; or if by infirmity of the child, it cannot be brought to such place, then the same shall within the time aforesaid, be baptized by the lawful minister of any of the said parishes or places: on pain that the father of such child if he be living one month after the birth, or if he be dead within the said month, then the mother of such child, shall forfeit 100l; one third to the king, one third to him who shall sue in any of the king's courts of record, and one third to the poor of the said parish. *f. 14.*

VII. *Baptism of negroes in the plantations.*

It hath been a point debated in the court of king's bench, whether by baptism a negro slave acquires manumission. 3 *Mod. 120*. But this seemeth to be now fully settled in the negative both by divines and lawyers. Bishop Fleetwood says, there is no fear of losing the service and profit of their slaves, by letting them become christians; that they are prohibited neither by the laws of God, nor of the realm, from keeping christian slaves; and that slaves are no more at liberty after they are baptized, than they were before. *Fleetw. Works, 501*. And both the lord chancellors Talbot and Hardwicke gave their opinions the same way. — Archb. Secker's sermon before the society for propagating the gospel in foreign parts, in the year 1740.

VIII. *Fee*

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Langton. *We do firmly injoin, that no sacrament of the church shall be denied to any one, upon the account of any sum of money: because if any thing hath been accustomed to be given by the pious devotion of the faithful, we will that justice be done thereupon to the churches, by the ordinary of the place afterwards.*

Upon the account of any sum of money] That is, used to be paid or taken in the administration of any of the sacraments. *Lind. 278.*

Shall be denied] Or delayed. *Lind. 278.*

Hath been accustomed to be given] That is, of old, and for so long time as will create a prescription, altho' at first given voluntarily. For they who have paid so long, are presumed at first to have bound themselves voluntarily thereunto. *Lind. 279.*

H. 9 W. Burdeaux and *Dr. Lancaster*. Burdeaux, a french protestant, had his child baptized at the french church in the Savoy; and *Dr. Lancaster*, vicar of *St. Martin's*, in which parish it is, together with the clerk, libelled against him for a fee of 2s. 6d. due to him, and 1s. for the clerk. A prohibition was moved for; and it was urged, that this was an ecclesiastical fee due by the canon. By *Holt chief justice*: Nothing can be due of common right; and how can a canon take money out of laymen's pockets? *Lindwood* says, it is simony to take any thing for christning or burying, unless it be a fee due by custom; but then, a custom for any person to take a fee for christning a child, when he doth not christen him, is not good; like the case in *Hobart*, where one dies in one parish, and is buried in another, the parish where he died shall not have a burying fee: If you have a right to christen, you should libel for that right; but you ought not to have money for christning, when you do not. *1 Salk. 332.*

Bastards.

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- I. *Who shall be deemed a bastard; and therein of suppositious births.*
- II. *Trial of bastardy.*
- III. *Consequences of bastardy.*
- IV. *Punishment of the mother and reputed father of a bastard child.*

I. *Who shall be deemed a bastard; and therein of suppositious births.*

Born out of lawful matrimony.

Husband within the four seas.

Husband's non-access.

1. **W**E term all by the name of bastards, that be born out of lawful matrimony. 1 *Inst.* 244.

2. Lord *Coke* says, By the common law, if the husband be within the four seas, that is, within the jurisdiction of the king of England, if the wife hath issue, no proof is to be admitted to prove the child a bastard, unless the husband hath an apparent impossibility of procreation; as if the husband be but eight years old, or under the age of procreation, such issue is bastard, albeit he be born within marriage. But if the issue be born within a month or a day after marriage, between parties of full lawful age, the child is legitimate. 1 *Inst.* 244.

3. *H. 5 G. 2. Pendrell and Pendrell.* Upon an issue out of chancery to try, whether the plaintiff was the heir at law of one *Thomas Pendrell*, it was agreed, that the plaintiff's father and mother were married, and cohabited for some months; that they parted, she staying in London, and he going into Staffordshire; that at the end of three years the plaintiff was born. And there being some doubt upon the evidence, whether the husband had not been in London within the last year, it was sent to be tried. And the plaintiff rested at first upon the presumption of law in favour of legitimacy, which was encountered by strong evidence of no access. And it was agreed by the court and counsel on the trial at Guildhall before lord chief justice Raymond, that the old doctrine of being within the four seas was not to take place, but the jury were at liberty to consider of the point of access; which they did, and found against the plaintiff. *Str.* 925.

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And so by the rules of the civil law, if the husband be so long absent from his wife, as that by no possibility of nature the child can be his; or if the adulterer and adulteress be so known to keep company together, that by just account of time it cannot fall out to be any other man's child but the adulterer's: it is accounted to be a bastard. *God. 479.*

4. If the husband be castrated, so that it is apparent Impotency. that he cannot by any possibility beget any issue; if his wife hath issue divers years after, this shall be bastard, altho' it be begotten within marriage, because it is apparent that it cannot be legitimate. *1 Roll's Abr. 358.*

M. 6 G. 2. Lomax and Holmden. In ejectment: The question on a trial at bar was, whether the lessor was son and heir of *Caleb Lomax*, esquire, deceased; which depended on the question of his mother's marriage. And that being fully proved, and evidence given of the husband's being frequently at London, where the mother lived, so that access must be presumed; the defendants were admitted to give evidence of his inability from a bad habit of body. But their evidence not going to an impossibility, but an improbability only; that was not thought sufficient, and there was a verdict for the plaintiff. *Str. 940.*

5. If a man marry his kinswoman within the degrees, Issue of a marriage within the degrees. the issue between them is not bastard until divorce found; for the marriage was not void. *1 Roll's Abr. 357.*

6. When a woman is separated from her husband by a divorce *a mensa et thoro*, the children she has during the separation are presumed to be bastards; unless it appear upon proof, that the husband after such separation did cohabit with his wife. *1 Bac. Abr. 312.* Child begotten after a divorce.

7. All children inheritors, which shall be born without the ligeance of the king of England, shall have the same benefit of inheritance as if they were born within the king's ligeance; so always, that the mothers of such children do pass the sea by the licence and wills of their husbands. And if it be alledged against any such born beyond the sea, that he is a bastard, in case where the bishop ought to have cognizance of bastardy; it shall be commanded to the bishop of the place where the demand is, to certify the king's court where the plea thereof hangeth, as of old times hath been used in the case of bastardy alledged against them which were born in England. *25 Ed. 3. ff. 2.* Child born out of the king's allegiance.

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Child born before the parents marriage.

8. *To the king's writ of bastardy, whether one being born before matrimony, may inherit in like manner as he that is born after matrimony; all the bishops answered, that they would not nor could not answer to it, because it was directly against the common order of the church. And all the bishops instanced the lords, that they would consent, that all such as were born afore matrimony should be legitimate, as well as they that be born within matrimony, as to the succession of inheritance, forasmuch as the church accepteth such for legitimate. And all the earls and barons with one voice answered, that they would not change the laws of the realm, which hitherto have been used and approved.* 20 H. 3. c. 9.

Against the common order of the church] For the better understanding of which, it is to be known, that in the time of pope Alexander the third, which was in the 6 H. 2. this constitution was made, that children born before solemnization of matrimony, where matrimony followed, should be as legitimate to inherit unto their ancestors, as those that were born after matrimony; and thereupon the statute saith, that the church accepteth such for legitimate. 2 *Inst.* 96.

The bishops instanced the lords] Hereupon these two conclusions do follow; 1. That any foreign canon or constitution made by authority of the pope, being against the law and custom of the realm, bindeth not until it be allowed by act of parliament; which the bishops here prayed it might have been: for no law or custom of England can be taken away, abrogated, or annulled, but by authority of parliament. 2. That altho' the bishops were spiritual persons, and in those days had a great dependency on the pope; yet in case of general bastardy, when the king wrote to them to certify who was lawful heir to any lands or other inheritance, they ought to certify according to the law and custom of England, and not according to the roman canons and constitutions, which were contrary to the law and custom of England, wherein the bishops sought at this parliament to be relieved. 2 *Inst.* 97.

Child born after the father's death, and the mother married again.

9. If a man hath a wife and dieth, and after within a short time the wife marrieth again, and within nine months hath a child, so that the child may be the child of the first or of the second husband; in this case, if it cannot be known by circumstances, the child may chuse the first or second husband for his father. 1 *Roll's Abr.* 357.

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By the civil law, such as were born in the beginning of the eleventh month after the decease of their mother's husband, were to be accounted legitimate; but such as were born in the end thereof, were to be accounted bastards: Yet the gloss there relates to a matter of fact contrary to this law, and gives us an instance of a widow in Paris who was delivered of a child the fourteenth month after her husband's death; yet the good repute of this woman's continency prevailed so much against the letter of the law, that the court judged the causes of childbirth to be sometimes extraordinary, the woman to be chaste, and the child legitimate. But this, as the gloss addeth, ought not to be easily drawn into example. *God. 482.*

It was found by verdict, that Henry the son of Beatrice, which was the wife of *Robert Radwell* deceased, was born eleven days after a woman's furthest lawful time. And thereupon it was adjudged, that he was not the son of Robert. Now the time (saith lord *Coke*) in that case appointed by the law, at the furthest is nine months, or forty weeks; but she may be delivered before that time. *1 Inst. 123.*

[Note, in the foregoing case, instead of *the furthest lawful time*, it might have been better to have said *the common usual time*.]

M. 7 J. Alsop and Botwrell. Ejectment for lands in *Munden* in the county of *Hertford*. The question upon evidence to the jury was, whether *Edmund Andrews* dying the twenty third of March, and his wife being with child, but not delivered until the fifth of January following (which was forty weeks and nine days, and then delivered of a daughter named *Elizabeth*) shall be reputed the father to the said *Elizabeth*, or that she were a bastard. For it was proved, that he fell sick upon the twenty second day of March, and died the day following of the plague; And that *Edmund Andrews* (father of the said *Edmund* who was dead) in malice to his son's wife, did much abuse her, and caused her to be dislodged from places where she was harboured, and to lie in the cold streets; and that she was so used for six weeks together before her travel; and she being brought into a woman's house, who commiserated her case, having warmth and sustenance, was presently within twenty four hours delivered of the said *Elizabeth*. And this being proved, and this misusage, by five women of good credit, and two doctors of physick, viz. Sir *William Paddy* and doctor *Mundford*, and one *Chamberlaine* (who was a physician, and in na-

ture of a midwife), upon their oath; they affirming that the child came in time convenient to be the daughter of the party who died; and that the usual time for a woman to go with child, was nine months and ten days, to wit, solar months, that is, thirty days to the month, and not lunar months; and that by reason of the want of strength in the woman or the child, or by reason of ill usage, she might be a longer time, viz. to the end of ten months or more; the court held here, that it might well be as the physicians had affirmed. And the physicians further affirmed, that a perfect birth may be at seven months, according to the strength of the mother, or of the child; which is as long before the time of the proper birth; and by the same reason it may be as long deferred by accident, which is commonly occasioned by infirmities of the body, or passions of the mind. And so the court delivered to the jury, that the said *Elizabeth* who was born forty weeks and more after the death of the said *Edmund Andrews*, might well be the daughter of the said *Edmund*. Cro. Jac. 541.

Supposititious
births.

10. The author of *Fleta*, who lived in the reign of Edward the second, hath a whole chapter about supposititious births; where he tells us, what remedy the right heir had in such case, viz. that a writ was directed to the sheriff, to cause the woman who pretended herself to be with child, forthwith to appear in the county court, there to be searched by discreet and lawful women. And if it was doubtful to them whether she was with child or not, then the sheriff might commit her to some castle, there to continue. And no woman with child was to come near her, until she should be delivered. And this writ was used above sixty years before the author of *Fleta* wrote, viz. in the 5 H. 3. when the widow of *William Constable* of *Manton* in *Norfolk* was found guilty of this cheat. And in all probability it was of use in the *Saxon* times: for the form of the writ is, to command the sheriff to summon the woman to appear in the full county; as it is generally known, that all business of the law was then transacted in that court, where the bishop sat with the civil magistrate. *Nels. Rights of the Clergy*. Tit. Bastards.

But afterwards, when the courts at Westminster came to be established, then was the writ *de ventre inspiciendo* framed; by which the sheriff was commanded, that in the presence of twelve knights and so many women, he should cause examination to be made, whether the wo-

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man was with child or not ; and if with child, then about what time it would be born ; and that he certify the same to the justices of assize or at Westminster, under his seal, and under the seals of two of the men present. *Id.*

We have two instances of this writ in the books ; the one in easter term in the 39 *El.* which was thus : *Percival Willoughby*, and *Bridget* his wife one of the coheirs of *Sir Francis Willoughby* (because *Sir Francis* died seised of a great inheritance, having five daughters, whereof the eldest was married to *Percival Willoughby*, and not any son ; and the said *Francis* leaving his wife *Dorothy*, who at the time of his death pretended herself to be with child by *Sir Francis*, which if it were a son, all the five sisters should thereby lose the inheritance descended unto them) prayed a writ *de ventre inspiciendo* out of the chancery, directed to the sheriff of London, that he should cause the said *Dorothy* to be viewed by twelve knights, and searched by twelve women in the presence of the knights, *et ad tractandum ubera, et ventrem inspiciendum*, whether she were with child, and to certify the same into the court of common pleas ; and if she were with child, to certify for how long time in their judgments, and when she would be delivered. Whereupon the sheriff accordingly caused her to be searched, and returned, that she was twenty weeks gone with child, and that within twenty weeks she would be delivered. Whereupon another writ issued out of the common pleas, commanding the sheriff safely to keep her in such an house, and that the doors should be well guarded, and that every day he should cause her to be viewed by some of the women named in the writ (wherein ten were named), and when she should be delivered that some of them should be with her to view the birth whether it be male or female, to the intent there should not be any falsity. And upon this writ the sheriff returned, that accordingly he had done, and that such a day she was delivered of a daughter. *Cro. El. 566.*

Note, this writ, and the proceedings thereupon are grounded upon *Bracton, b. 2. p. 69.* and upon the writ in the *Register, p. 227.*

The other case was in easter term 22 *J.* which was thus : *Alphonsus Theaker* cousin and heir of *William Theaker*, after the death of *William Theaker*, because he had not any issue alive at the time of his death (but *Mary* his wife was then supposed to be ensient by him, and within one week after his death was married again to one *John Duncomb*), procured out of the chancery a writ *de ventre in-*

spicienda of the said *Mary*, directed to the sheriff of London, to cause the said *Mary* to be searched, whether she were with child by the said *William Theaker*, and when she would be delivered (no mention being made of her second marriage), and this writ was according to the precedent in the 39 *El.* of the like writ against the lady *Willoughby*. And this writ was returnable in the common pleas. The sheriff returned, that he had caused her to be searched, and returned the inquisition, that by such persons he caused her to be searched, and found her to be ensient, and that she would be delivered within twenty weeks. Wherefore he now prayed a second writ out of the common pleas, to be directed to the sheriff of Surrey, because she was moved with her husband to Wandsworth in Surrey, and there inhabited, that the sheriff might take her into his custody, and keep her until she were delivered of her child, that there might not appear to be any false or supposititious birth, and that in the mean time he should cause her to be viewed every day by certain matrons named by the court in the writ, and that some of them might be at the birth of the child, according to the said precedent of the lady *Willoughby*. But because in that case the lady was a widow, and so such a course might well be observed, but here she was a feme covert who ought to cohabit with her husband, they would not take such a course with her, but left her with her husband, he entering into a recognizance that she should not remove from the house wherein they then inhabited; and that one or two of the women returned by the sheriff should see her every day, and that two or three of them should be present at her travel: For it was said, that this issue might be well said to be the child of the first husband, and should inherit his land. So that if there were any false or supposititious birth, the cousin and heir might be disinherited. Wherefore a writ was accordingly awarded to the sheriff of Surrey, to cause her to be seen every day until her delivery, by two at least of the said women returned by him; and that three of them or more should be present with her at her delivery, so as no falsehood might be in her birth. And after this course observed, she was delivered of a female child, who was afterwards by inquisition found to be the daughter and heir of the said *William Theaker* deceased. *Cro. Ja.* 685.

And this whole procedure seemeth to be deduced from the rules of the civil law, which is particularly express and punctual in this behalf. For by that law, the woman

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man who supposeth her self to be with child, must intimate it twice in every month to those who are nearest concerned, that they may send five women to inspect her; and she must do the like for the space of a month before she expects to be delivered, that they may send some person to be there at that time. The judge may appoint in what house she shall dwell; and the room wherein she lies must be searched; and if there be more than one door, it must be nailed up; and three men, and as many women must be set to watch her as often as she comes into the chamber, who are also to search all persons who come into the house and chamber. When she is in labour, five women sent by the party next concerned, must be witnesses to the birth, of which they must have notice beforehand; and there must be no more in the chamber at that time, but ten women, two midwives, and six servants, of which none must be with child, and therefore may be searched before they go in; there must be three lights in the room; the child when born must be shewed to those who are concerned; the judge must appoint who shall keep it, unless the father hath otherwise appointed; and it must be shewed twice in a month till it is three months old, and afterwards once in a month till it is six months old; and once in two months till it is a year old; and from thence once in six months till it can speak. And if any thing is done contrary to the premises, or not permitted to be done; then upon proof thereof, the child is not to be admitted to the possession of the estate. *Nels. ibid.*

II. Trial of bastardy.

1. General bastardy is to be tried by the bishop; special bastardy by the country. *1 Roll's Abr. 361.* Bastardy, general and special.

Before the statute of the 20 H. 3. c. 9. above recited, the party pleaded not general bastardy, but that he was born out of espousals; and the bishop ought to certify whether he were born before espousals or not, and according to that certificate to proceed to judgment according to the law of the land. And the prelates there answered, that they could not to this writ answer; and therefore ever since, special bastardy, viz. whether the person was born before espousals or after, hath been tried in the king's courts, and general bastardy in the court christian. *2 Inst. 98.*

And therefore if general bastardy be pleaded in disability of the plaintiff (as if it be alledged that his parents were

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never accoupled in lawful matrimony), the same shall be tried by the certificate of the bishop, whether it be in a real or personal action; but if the marriage be confessed, and it be only pleaded, that the plaintiff was born at such a place before the marriage was solemnized, and so bastard, this is a special bastardy, and shall be tried by a jury at the common law, where the birth is alledged. *Hughes, c. 29. Johnf. 264.*

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2. The question of bastardy or legitimacy ought first to be moved in the king's temporal court, and thereon issue ought to be joined there; and then it ought to be transmitted by the king's writ to the ecclesiastical court, to be there examined and tried. *God. 489.*

And if the ecclesiastical court undertake the examination of bastardy or legitimization, without the direction of the temporal court, a prohibition lies; for this affects the temporal inheritance of the subject. *1 Roll's Abr. 361. God. 489. Johnf. 263.*

Writ to the or-
dinary to certify.

3. By the 9 H. 6. c. 11. *All justices in the courts where any plea shall be depending wherein bastardy shall be alledged against any person party to the same plea, and thereupon an issue joined which by the law ought to be certified by the ordinary; one of the judges of the court where the plea shall be depending, before that any writ of certificate shall pass out of the same court to the ordinary to certify upon the issue so joined, shall make remembrance under his seal, at the suit of the demandant or tenant, plaintiff or defendant, reciting the issue that is joined in such plea of bastardy, and certifying to the lord chancellor, to the intent that thereupon proclamation be made in the court of chancery by three months, once in every month, that all persons pretending any interest to object against the party which pretendeth himself to be mulier, that they sue to the ordinary to whom the writ of certificate shall be directed, to make their allegations and objections against the party which pretendeth him to be mulier, as the law of holy church requireth; and the said chancellor, having notice of the said remembrance and issue joined, and being required by the said demandant or tenant, plaintiff or defendant having the said remembrance, to make proclamation as aforesaid, the same chancellor shall cause proclamation to be made in form aforesaid, and shall certify the same so made in the court where the plea, in which the bastardy is alledged, another time shall be depending. And the judges of the court where such plea shall be depending, before any proclamation so to be made in the chancery, shall make one time such proclamation openly in the same court, and also another time when the proclamation shall be certified by the chancellor*

chancellor as aforesaid. And then the said judge shall award the said writ of certificate to the ordinary, to certify upon such issue so joined. And if any writ of certificate be made or granted, before all the said proclamations be made and certified as aforesaid; then the same writ of certificate, and also the certificate of the ordinary thereupon, shall be void in law and of none effect.

Against the party which pretendeth himself to be mulier] Mulier hath three significations: 1. It signifieth a woman in general. 2. A virgin. 3. A wife; and this is the most proper signification of it in our laws: and a son or daughter born of a lawful wife, is called *filius mulieratus* or *filia mulierata*, a son mulier or a daughter mulier; and it is always used in contradistinction to a bastard; thus a bastard is an illegitimate issue, and mulier is legitimate. 1 Inst. 243.

Shall be void in law and of none effect] Before this act, bastards had a way of tricking themselves (as it were) into legitimacy. For they used to bring feigned articles, and suborned witnesses before the bishop to prove their legitimation, and then got the certificate returned of record; and after that, their legitimation could never be contested. For being returned of record, as a point adjudged by its proper judges, and remaining among the memorials of the court, all persons were concluded by it. And this created great inconveniences: For the evidences of the contrary parties concerned were never heard at the trial, and yet their interest was concluded. And to remedy these inconveniences, this act was made.

4. The bishop's certificate, made in due form of law, shall not be gainfayed; but credit shall be given to the same; so as the whole world shall be bound and estopped thereby. God. 48g. Ordinary's certificate conclusive.

5. The spiritual court cannot give sentence to annul a marriage after the death of the parties; because sentence is given there only *pro salute animæ*, which cannot be after their death; and therefore the sentence in such case is only to disinherit the issue, which they cannot do; for by such means any one might be disinherited. 1 Roll's Abr. 360. 1 Salk. 120. Bastardizing after the parents death.

III. Consequences of bastardy.

1. A bastard is *quasi nullius filius*, and can have no name N.me. of reputation as soon as he is born. 1 Inst. 3.

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2. But after he hath gotten a name by reputation, he may purchase by his reputed or known name, to him and his heirs; although he can have no heirs but of his body.

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If the issue of a bastard purchaseth land, and dieth without issue; though the land cannot descend to any heir of the part of the father, yet to the heir of the part of the mother it may; for the heirs of the part of the mother make not any conveyance by the bastard. *Vin. Bastard.* P. 6.

If a bastard dieth intestate, without wife or issue, the king is intitled to the personalty; and the ordinary of course grants administration, to the patentee or grantee of the crown. 3 *P. Will.* 33.

IV. Punishment of the mother and reputed father of a bastard child.

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1. Besides the punishments to be inflicted by the ecclesiastical jurisdiction, it is enacted by the 18 *El. c.* 3. and 3 *C. c.* 4. *f.* 15. Concerning bastards begotten and born out of lawful matrimony (an offence against God's law or man's law;) that the justices of the peace shall take order as well for the punishment of the mother and reputed father, as for relief of the parish, by charging such mother or reputed father with the payment of money weekly or other sustentation, for the relief of such child, as to them shall seem meet.

And by the 7 *J. c.* 4. Every lewd woman which shall have any bastard which may be chargeable to the parish, the justices of the peace shall commit such woman to the house of correction, to be punished and set on work, during the term of one whole year; and if she afterwards offend again, then to be committed to the said house of correction as aforesaid, and there to remain until she can put in good sureties for her good behaviour, not to offend so again.

And by the 13 & 14 *C. 2. c.* 12. *f.* 19. Whereas the putative fathers and lewd mothers of bastard children run away out of the parish, and sometimes out of the county, and leave the said bastard children upon the charge of the parish where they are born, although such putative father and mother have estates sufficient to discharge such parish; it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for the churchwardens and overseers of the poor to take and seize so much of the goods, and receive so much of the annual rents or profits

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of the lands of such putative father or lewd mother, as shall be ordered by two justices of the peace, towards the discharge of the parish, to be confirmed at the sessions, for the bringing up and providing for such bastard child: and thereupon it shall be lawful for the sessions to make an order for the churchwardens or overseers of the poor of such parish, to dispose of the goods by sale or otherwise, or so much of them for the purposes aforesaid as the court shall think fit, and to receive the rents and profits, or so much of them as shall be ordered by the sessions as aforesaid, of his or her lands.

And by the 6 G. 2. c. 31. If any singlewoman shall be delivered of a bastard child which is likely to be chargeable to the parish, or shall declare her self to be with child and that the same is likely to be born a bastard and to be chargeable as aforesaid, and shall before a justice of the peace charge any person with having gotten her with child; such justice, on application of the overseers may cause him to be apprehended and imprisoned, unless he give security to indemnify the parish, or to appear at the next sessions, and to abide such order as shall be made in pursuance of the aforesaid statute of the 18 *El.* But no justice of the peace shall have power to send for any woman before she be delivered and one month after, to be examined concerning her pregnancy, nor shall compel her to answer any questions relating thereto.

2. By the 21 J. c. 27. Whereas many lewd women Deaths that have been delivered of bastard children, to avoid their shame, and to escape punishment, do secretly bury or conceal the death of their children, and after, if the child be found dead, the said women do alledge, that the said child was born dead; whereas it falleth out sometimes (altho' it is hard to be proved) that the said child or children were murdered by the said women their lewd mothers, or by their procurement: it is enacted, that if any woman be delivered of any issue of her body, male or female, which being born alive should by the laws of this realm be a bastard, and that she endeavour privately, either by drowning or secret burying thereof or any other way, either by her self or the procuring of others, so to conceal the death thereof, as that it may not come to light, whether it were born alive or not, but be concealed; in every such case the said mother so offending shall suffer death as in case of murder, except such mother can make proof by one witness at the least, that the child

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(whose death was by her so intended to be concealed) was born dead,

If a woman be with child, and any gives her a potion to destroy the child within her, and she take it, and it works so strongly that it kills her, this is murder; for it was not given to cure her of a disease, but unlawfully to destroy her child within her; and therefore he that gives her a potion to this end, must take the hazard, and if it kills the mother, it is murder. 1 *Hale's Hist. Pl. Crown.* 429, 430.

If a woman be quick or great with child, if she take, or another give her any potion to make an abortion; or if a man strike her, whereby the child within her is killed; though it be a great crime, yet it is not murder nor manslaughter by the law of England, because it is not yet *in rerum natura*, nor can it legally be known whether it were killed or not. So it is, if after such child were born alive, and after die of the stroke given to the mother, this is not homicide. 1 *H. H.* 433.

But if a man procure a woman with child to destroy her infant when born, and the child is born, and the woman in pursuance of that procurement kill the infant; this is murder in the mother, and the procurer is accessory. 1 *H. H.* 433.

Beadle. See *Uestry*.

Bells.

BY a constitution of archbishop *Winchelsea*; the parishioners shall find, at their own expence, bells with ropes.

Can. 88. The churchwardens or questmen, and their assistants, shall not suffer the bells to be rung superstitiously, upon holidays or eves abrogated by the book of common prayer, nor at any other times, without good cause to be allowed by the minister of the place, and by themselves.

Can. 111. The churchwardens shall present all persons, who by untimely ringing of bells do hinder the minister or preacher.

Can. 15. Upon wednesdays and fridays weekly, the minister at the accustomed hours of service, shall resort

to the church or chapel ; and warning being given to the people by tolling of a bell, shall say the litany.

Can. 67. When any is passing out of this life, a bell shall be tolled, and the minister shall not then slack to do his last duty. And after the party's death (if it so fall out), there shall be rung no more but one short peal, and one other before the burial, and one other after the burial.

Benedictines. See *Monasteries.*

Benefice.

FOR the presentation to popish livings, see title *Papery.*

The term *benefice* comes to us from the old Romans, who using to distribute part of the lands they had conquered on the frontiers of the empire to their soldiers, those who enjoyed such rewards were called *beneficarii*, and the lands themselves *beneficia*. Hence doubtless came the word *benefice* to be applied to church livings ; for besides that the ecclesiasticks held for life, like the soldiers, the riches of the church arose from the beneficence of princes. And these *beneficia* were not given by the Romans merely as a recompence for what was past, but also as an encouragement for future service.

In order to be legally intitled to a benefice, the several following particulars are considerable :

- I. Presentation.*
- II. Examination.*
- III. Refusal.*
- IV. Admission.*
- V. Institution, or collation.*
- VI. Induction.*
- VII. Requisites after induction.*

I. Presentation.

1. Presentation, nomination, and collation are sometimes used in law for the same thing ; and yet they are commonly

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commonly distinguished: for presentation is an offering of the clerk to the ordinary; and nomination may be the offering of a clerk to him that may and ought to present him to the ordinary, by reason of a grant made by him that hath the power of presenting, obliging him thereto; and collation is the giving of the church to the clerk, and is that act by which the ordinary doth admit and institute a clerk to a church or benefice of his own gift, in which case there is no presentation. *Watf. c. 15.*

For it is to be observed, that the right of nomination may be in one person, and the right of presentation in another. And this is, where he who was seised of the advowson doth grant unto another and his heirs, that as often as the church becomes void, the grantee and his heirs shall nominate to the grantor and his heirs; who shall be bound to present accordingly. In which case, it was agreed by the whole court in the case of *Shirley and Underhill, M. 16 Ja.* that the nomination is the substance of the advowson, and the presentation no more than a ministerial interest; and that if the presenter shall present without nomination, or the nominator present in his own person, each shall have his quare-impevit, for the security of their respective rights. And if the nominator neglect to appoint his clerk, till lapse incurs, and then the patron presents before the bishop collates, the bishop is bound to admit his clerk. *Gibf. 794. Mo. 894.*

Must be to a
void benefice.

2. Presentation must be to a void benefice. Thus in the case of *Owen and Stainoe, E. 34 Car. 2.* Owen moved for a mandamus to admit him a prebendary of St. David's, and set forth a custom, that they used to chuse a supernumerary (all the places being full), who is admitted upon the death of the next prebendary; and says, that he was chosen a supernumerary in such a year, and that one of the prebendaries died, and that Stainoe was admitted: But the court refused to grant a mandamus, and held the custom to be void, and foolish; for that there cannot be an election but to a void place. *Skin. 45.*

By an infant.

3. Guardian by nurture, or in socage of a manor whereunto an advowson is appendant, shall not present to the church, because he can take nothing for the presentation for which he may account to the heir; and therefore the heir in that case shall present, of what age soever. *3 Inst. 156.*

And of this opinion was the late lord chancellor King, in a cause in the court of chancery, in the year 1732; who said, that if the infant were but a year old or younger,

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er, they ought to put a pen in his hand, and guide it to sign the presentation. *Watf. c. 13. 2 Abr. Cas. Eq. Arthington and Coverley.*

Upon the same reason subsists the case of a patron becoming bankrupt. The commissioners may sell the advowson; but if the church be void at the time of the sale, the vendee shall not present to the void turn, but the bankrupt himself, because the void turn of a church is not *valuable*. *Gibf. 794.*

4. If the right of presentation is in coparceners, and they agree in the same person, they are to join in the act of presenting; otherwise, the eldest shall have the preference, and afterwards the rest in their turns: but where the right is in jointenants or tenants in common, and there hath been no composition in writing to present by turns, they must of necessity join in the presentation; for if they present singly, the bishop may refuse the clerk. *1 Inst. 186. Gibf. 794.*

By coparceners,
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5. If one be seised of an advowson in fee, and the church doth become void, the void turn is a chattel; and if the patron dieth before he doth present, the avoidance doth not go to his heir, but to his executor. *Watf. c. 9.*

By executors.

But if the incumbent of a church be also seised in fee of the advowson of the same church, and dieth; his heir, not his executors, shall present: for although the advowson doth not descend to the heir till after the death of the ancestor, and by his death the church is become void, so that the avoidance may be said in this case to be severed from the advowson before it descend to the heir, and to be vested in the executor; yet both the avoidance and descent to the heir happening at the same instant, the title of the heir shall be preferred as the more ancient and worthy. *Watf. c. 9.*

If the testator do present, and (his clerk not being admitted before his death) then his executors do present their clerk; the ordinary is at his election, which clerk he will receive. *Watf. c. 9.*

But in the case of a bishop; the void turn of a church, the advowson whereof belongeth unto him in the right of his bishoprick, by his death doth not go to his executor: but when the temporalities of the bishoprick are seised into the king's hands, the king shall present. *2 Roll's Abr. 345.*

So if the parson of a church ought to present to a vicarage; if the vicarage becometh void during the vacancy of the parsonage, the patron of the parsonage, and not the executor

executor of the deceased parson, shall present. 2 *Roll's Abr.* 346.

By the husband
in right of his
wife.

6. If a feme covert hath title to present, she cannot present alone, but the presentation must be by husband and wife; and that, in both their names, and not only by the husband in right of himself and his wife. And altho' the right of patronage in the wife descends to her heir, yet the right of presenting during life belongs to the husband who is tenant by curtesy. *Gibf.* 794. *Walsf.* c. 9.

By tenant in
dower.

7. If a man that is seised of an advowson takes a wife, and dieth; the heir shall have two presentments, and the wife the third; that is to say, the wife may in a proper action recover the third presentation as her dower, or it may be assigned to her for dower. *Walsf.* c. 9.

By the mort-
gagee.

8. Altho' in a mortgage in fee of a manor to which an advowson is appendant, the legal right of presentation is vested in the mortgagee; yet a court of equity will interrupt that presentation, and compel the ordinary to institute the clerk of the mortgagor any time before foreclosure, it not being any part of the profits of the estate. *Sir.* 403.

But otherwise it is, where the advowson it self only is mortgaged; for in that case the mortgagee can have no other satisfaction but by presenting. 2 *P. Will.* 404.

By the king du-
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of a bishoprick.

9. The king is patron paramount of all the benefices in England. In virtue of which, the right and care of filling all such churches as are not regularly filled by other patrons, belongs to the crown; whether it happen through the neglect of others (as in the case of lapse), or thro' incapacity to present, as if the patron be attainted, or outlawed, or an alien, or have been guilty of simony, or the like. *Gibf.* 763.

Upon which ground, the king hath right to present to all dignities and benefices of the advowson of archbishopricks and bishopricks during the vacation of the respective sees. Not only to such, as shall become void after the seizure of the temporalities, but to all such as shall become void after the death of the bishop, though before actual seizure. And because it is a maxim in law, that the church is not full against the king, till induction; therefore tho' the bishop hath collated, or hath presented, and the clerk is instituted upon that presentation, yet will not such collation or institution avail the clerk, but the right of presenting devolves to the king. *Gibf.* 763. *Walsf.* c. 9.

And

And it is said, that this privilege which the king hath of presenting by reason of temporalities of a bishoprick being in his hands, shall be extended unto such preferments, to which the bishop of common right might present, tho' by his composition he hath transferred his power unto others. And therefore when the temporalities of the archbishoprick of York are in the king's hands, the king shall present to the deanry of York, altho' by composition betwixt the archbishop and the chapter there, the chapter are to elect him: and this, because the patronage thereof de jure doth belong to the archbishop, and his composition cannot bind the king, who comes in paramount, as supreme patron: for of the whole bishoprick the king is supreme patron, altho' it be dismembred into divers branches, as deans, and other dignities; and of ancient time all the bishopricks were of the king's gift, but afterwards the king gave leave to the chapters to elect; yet the patronage notwithstanding remains in the king. *Wals. c. 9. 2 Roll's Abr. 343.*

10. Upon promotion of any person to a bishoprick, the king hath a right to present to such benefices or dignities, as the person was possessed of before such promotion; tho' the advowson belongeth to a common person. This right, of presenting upon promotion by the king, as making the avoidance which would not otherwise happen, did spring from the practice of the popes, and is now an uncontested right of the crown; and hath been established not only by long practice, but by many judgments upon full and solemn hearings; and that, whether the churches are new or old, and how often soever this happens successively by promotions to bishopricks from the same benefice or dignity: as was adjudged in the cases of *St. Martin's*. and *St. James's*. Of late, the great question hath been, on supposition of the right, how far it is answered, and the turn of the crown satisfied, by the grant of a commendam to retain such promotions, or any part of them, together with the bishoprick. Of which question the solution hath been, that by a commendam for life, and for the time of continuing in such a bishoprick, the turn of the crown is answered, and in such case the proper patron shall present, upon death or translation; but that the right of the crown shall not be defeated by a commendam granted for a term of months or years, certain and limited. *Gibbs. 763.*

By the king, on promotion to a bishoprick.

And this right of the crown to present upon promotion, defeats the right of any grantee, who had the next avoidance;

ance, for his right was only to the next; and the next he cannot have, and therefore can have none. *Gibf. 758, 763.*

But by law in Ireland, no person can accept a bishoprick there, until he hath resigned all the preferments which he hath in England: which preferments being void before the acceptance of the bishoprick, it seemeth that the king in such case shall lose the presentation.

By the king in
prejudice of an-
other's right.

11. By the 25 Ed. 3. ft. 3. c. 1. *Touching presentments to be made by the king, to a benefice of holy church, in another's right by old title; our lord the king, to the honour of God and holy church, willeth and granteth, of the assent of the parliament, that from henceforth he nor any of his heirs shall not take title to present to any benefice in any other's right of any time of his progenitors; nor that any prelate of his realm be bound to receive any such presentment to be made; nor to do thereof any execution; nor that any justice of the one place or the other, may not nor ought not to hold plea or give judgment upon any such presentment to be made; but that the said king and his heirs be for ever clearly barred of all such presentments: saving always to him and his heirs all such presentments in another's right fallen or to fall, of all his time, and of the time to come.*

And by the 25 Ed. 3. ft. 3. c. 3. *Whereas before this time, our lord the king hath taken title to present to benefices at the suggestion of many clerks, where the title hath not been true, and by such presentments and judgments thereupon given, the clerks have been received by the ordinaries of the places, against God and good faith, and in depression of them which had good and true title to the said benefices; now the king willeth and granteth, that at what time he shall make collation or presentment from henceforth to any benefice in another's right, that the title whereupon he groundeth himself shall be well examined that it be true. and at what time before judgment the title be found by good information untrue or unjust, the collation or presentment thereof made shall be repealed; and the patron, or the possessor, which shall shew and prove the false title, shall have thereupon writs out of the chancery as many as to him shall be needful.*

And by the 13 R. 2. c. 1. *Whereas notwithstanding the last recited statute, some of the king's presentees, by favour of the ordinaries be instituted and inducted in benefices of holy church without due process, the parties not warned nor called, and sometimes taken by false inquests favourably, and the incumbents in such manner put out; it is ordained, that the said statute be firmly holden and kept: and moreover the king, for the*

the reverence of God and holy church, doth will and grant, that if he present to any benefice that is full of any incumbent, the presentee of the king shall not be received by the ordinary to the benefice, till the king hath recovered his presentment by process of the law in his own court: And if any presentee of the king be otherwise received, and the incumbent put out without due process, as afore is said, the said incumbent shall begin his suit within a year after the induction of the king's presentee at the least.

(Or at any time after, at his will. 4 H. 4. c. 22.)

12. The lord chancellor, or lord keeper of the great seal for the time being, hath right to present to the benefices appertaining to the king, under a certain yearly value in the king's books. *Gibf. 763.*

By the lord chancellor, of benefices in the king's gift.

Which privilege is said to have been given to the lord chancellor, upon consideration that he had many clergymen constantly officiating under him, as those now do who are still called clerks of the chancery, and were heretofore persons in holy orders. *Johnf. 31.*

The foundation of which right will be best understood by what was anciently declared in parliament upon that head, in the rolls of parliament, in the fourth year of Ed. 3. "Because it hath been ordained in times where-
" of there is no memory, and granted by the progenitors
" of our lord the king, that the chancellors for the time
" being should give the benefices which belong to the
" king to give, taxed at twenty marks and under, to the
" clerks of the chancery which have long laboured in
" the place; which thing hath been used from the said
" time, till the bishop of Lincoln was made chancellor,
" who in all his time gave the said benefices to his own
" clerks, and to other clerks, against the will of our lord
" the king, and against the ordinance and usage afore-
" said; may it please our said lord the king and his coun-
" sel to ordain, that the chancellors which shall be for
" the time, do give the benefices which belong to them
" to give for the cause aforesaid, to the clerks of the said
" place, as it hath been anciently used, and that this be
" done by election of the masters of the chancery.
" Answer: Let this bill be delivered to the king, and
" it liketh the council, that it is fit to command the
" chancellor, that hereafter he give such benefices to the
" king's clerks of the chancery, the exchequer, and of
" both benches, and not to others." *Gibf. 764.*

Here we see, that the privilege extended only to benefices of twenty marks or under; but now it is enlarged to all benefices of 20l or under; which enlargement was probably made about the time of the new valuation taken in the reign of king Henry the eighth. *Gibf. 764.*

And it hath been declared, that where the chancellor presented to a benefice above that value, and the clerk was instituted and inducted, and another obtained a presentation from the king, the first clerk could not be removed by the law; because the presentation was under the great seal, and therefore by the king (in law), being in his name. But if the presentation had recited (as is there intimated it ought to have done), that the benefice was under the value of 20l, it had been void; because it would have appeared upon record in the office of first fruits, that the chancellor was deceived: or, if the mistake had appeared before induction, the king might have revoked it. *Gibf. 764. Hob. 214.*

But whereas it hath been said (*Watf. c. 9.*) that the king if he please may present to such livings under the value of 20l; it is to be observed, that the claim of the lord chancellor or lord keeper for the time being is very ancient; and that nothing appears to have been ever determined, or moved, in a judicial way, to the diminution of that ancient right. On the contrary, there is an old writ in the register; which supposeth the right to be in him, namely, the writ *de primo beneficio ecclesiastico habendo*; by which the king requireth the chancellor to grant to a particular person the first benefice that shall fall in the gift of the crown which he will accept; and the language of the writ is, *Volumus quod idem A. ad primum beneficium ecclesiasticum (taxationem viginti marcarum excedens) vacaturum, quod ad presentationem nostram pertinuerit, et quod duxerit acceptandum, presentetur.* *Gibf. 764.*

Whether an alien
may be present-
ed.

13. It seemeth that an alien, who is a priest, may be presented to a church. *2 Roll's Abr. 348.*

Thus in Dr *Seaton's* case, *M. 8 Jac.* who was born in Scotland before the union of the two realms, it was adjudged, that he was capable to be presented to a benefice in England; and so it was said it would have been, if he had been born in Flanders, Spain, or within any other kingdom, friend and in league with the kingdom of England; as the bishop of *Spalato*, who was preferred to the deanry of *Windsor*, and enjoyed the same. And it was said; that such incumbent might maintain any action, real, personal, or mixt, for any thing concerning the glebe.

glebe or the possessions of the church, as priors aliens might have done: for altho' he be an alien born out of the king's dominions, yet he bringth his action, not in his own right, but in the right of his church; nor in his natural, but in his politick capacity; and therefore the action will lie. *Hughes, c. 10.*

14. It seemeth that a deacon, or even a layman, may be presented; but he must be made a priest, before he can be instituted. For by the statute of the 13 & 14 C. 2. c. 4. none but priests only, ordained according to the form and manner by the book of common prayer prescribed, are capable to be admitted to any parsonage, vicarage, benefice, or other ecclesiastical promotion or dignity whatsoever; except only the king's professor of law within the university of Oxford, who may hold the prebend of Shipton in the cathedral church of Salisbury, altho' he be but a layman. A layman, or a deacon.

15. For a presentee to have another benefice, altho' it be above the value of 8l a year in the king's books, is no cause of refusal, for that is at his own peril, and the former benefice only becomes void in such case. *God. 271. Wats. c. 20.* A pluralist.

16. No person may present himself: and this is according to the rule of the canon law. But the books of common law say, that tho' a patron cannot present himself in form, yet he may offer himself to the ordinary, and pray to be admitted; and that such admission may be good. But the more legal and regular way is, to make over the right to some other before the avoidance. And the same books do also agree, that where the right of presenting is vested in more persons than one (as in the case of jointenants, or joint executors); a presentation of one of them made by the rest is good. *Gibbs. 794.* Whether a man may present himself.

17. By a decretal epistle of pope Alexander the third, it is enjoined, that *if any sons of presbyters do hold churches, in which their fathers did serve as parsons or vicars, without any other intervening; they shall be removed, whether they were born in the priesthood or not.* Whether the son next immediately after his father.

Whether they were born in the priesthood or not All the children of clergymen in the times of popery were not illegitimate; for a priest might have had children before he entred into any orders, or whilst he was in the inferior orders, as ostiary, acolyth, or exorcist. For albeit the subdeacon was charged to relinquish his wife, yet those in inferior orders might retain them. And it is said, that even priests were generally married to the women they

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kept in those days; and tho' they kept it secret, for fear of deprivation, sometimes till their death, yet they often took care that sufficient evidence of their being married might appear after their death, when they were out of the reach of the canon law. *Johns.* 101.

Otho. *Altho' the holy fathers did so abhor the possessing of ecclesiastical benefices by hereditary right, that they forbade the succession even of legitimate children into their fathers churches; yet some, altho' illegitimate, do presume to invade such churches, without any mediate successor: we do ordain, that the prelates shall not presume immediately to institute or admit any such into the benefices which their fathers had, in whole or in part; and if any such have obtained the like benefices, they shall be deprived.* Athon. 47.

Without any mediate successor] For one intervening disjoints and breaks the succession. *Athon.* 47.

In whole or in part] As to a portion, or pension. *Athon.* 47. Peccham. *Seeing it is prohibited by law, that without a dispensation apostolical, the sons of rectors or presbyters shall not succeed to the churches in which their fathers did serve immediately or next before; and such benefices are void, if the contrary hereunto shall be done: we do command, that the prelates shall make strict inquiry into such vacant churches, and take order therein as the law requires; taking diligent heed, that for the future they admit not any such persons to the like benefices by any title whatsoever, that a way be not surreptitiously opened contrary to right to the succession of Christ's inheritance.* Lind. 45.

Without a dispensation apostolical] At this day, without a dispensation from the archbishop of Canterbury, to whom the whole right of dispensation throughout both the provinces is transferred, by the statute of the 25 H. 8. c. 21. By virtue of which statute, in little more than fifty years from the time of the restoration of king Charles the second, there issued out of the faculty office no less than three hundred dispensations of this kind, for the son to succeed the father. *Gibbs.* 796.

But in the case of *Stoke and Sykes*, *M.* 2 *Car.* it was held by Dodderidge and Jones, two learned judges, that this canon was not received here. *1 Still.* 250.

And Mr Johnson observes, that there is no instance since the reformation, of any clerk deprived for succeeding his father without a dispensation. And indeed the great occasion of those canons against the son's succeeding the

the father, is now removed; which was to discourage the marriage of priests, as one may see by the aforesaid constitutions. *Johns.* 101.

18. Tho' the patron hath six months before the lapse incurs, yet it concerns him not to delay presenting till the six months be almost expired. For if he doth present but one week before the six months be ended, the ordinary may pretend that he hath not time to examine the clerk. Or if the ordinary refuse the clerk for inability, because he is unlearned, or the like; the patron will not have time to present anew within the six months, but lapse may incur. *Watsf.* c. 12.

In the cases in which notice is to be given, the patron neglecting from year to year to present, lapse doth not incur to the ordinary; yet if in such case a stranger doth present, and his clerk is instituted and inducted, and not interrupted by the patron until six months (accounting from the induction) be expired, the patron is without remedy for that turn: for that tho' he had not notice from the ordinary of the avoidance (for which reason the ordinary can have no advantage of lapse) yet the induction of the stranger's clerk is a notorious act, of which the patron as well as the country might have taken notice. *Watsf.* c. 12.

But if a bishop doth collate his clerk, either before he gives notice of an avoidance, where notice is to be given, or at any time within the six months limited to the patron to fill his church, the patron may at any time after present his clerk: for altho' wrongful collation maketh such a plenary as shall bar the lapse to the metropolitan and king, yet it is no bar to the true patron; and if the bishop doth admit the patron's clerk, the other is out ipso facto; and if the bishop will not admit him, the patron may as well then, as at any time before, have his remedy at law against the bishop. And therefore if the ordinary doth collate within the patron's six months, and then the six months pass, no presentation being made by the patron; the ordinary, if he will have the benefit of a lapse, must collate of new: for the first collation being by wrong, cannot by time become rightful, and therefore doth not put the patron to his quare impedit, for that it was but as a provision for the time, and there ought to be a new act before it shall be a good collation. *Watsf.* c. 12.

If a church or benefice be of the patronage of the king, or he hath a right of presenting thereto; he can never lose his turn to the ordinary, by his neglect of pre-

ferring his clerk thereto. And in case the king doth not present, all that the ordinary can do, is to sequester the profits of the church, and appoint a clerk to serve the cure. *Watf. c. 12.*

Also a donative remaining void never goes in lapse; but the ordinary may compel the patron to fill the same, by ecclesiastical censures. *Watf. c. 12.* Unless it hath been augmented by the governors of queen Anne's bounty; for then it shall lapse in like manner as a presentative living.

Whether it may
be by word.

19. It is said, generally, in all the books, that presentation may be made either by word, or by writing. If it be by word, the patron must declare in the presence of the ordinary: if by writing, it is no deed, but is in the nature of a letter missive to the bishop. 1 *Inst.* 120. 2 *Roll's Abr.* 353.

But where a corporation aggregate of many doth present, it must be under their common seal. *Gibf.* 794.

And since the statute of frauds and perjuries at least (29 *C. 2. c. 3.*), it is necessary that all presentations shall be in writing.

And by the several stamp acts, it is implied, that they shall be in writing, and not otherwise; for thereby it is enacted, that for every skin or piece of vellum or parchment, or sheet of paper, upon which any presentation or donation which shall pass the great seal of England, or upon which any collation to be made by any archbishop or other bishop, or any presentation or donation to be made by any patron whatsoever, of or to any benefice, dignity, or ecclesiastical promotion shall be ingrossed or written, shall be paid a double 40 s. stamp duty: *Provided* that such benefice, dignity, or promotion be of the yearly value of 10 l. or above in the king's books.

But if under that, it doth not seem to be clear, from any of the said acts, that any stamp is necessary; unless it come under the denomination of a notarial act, of a deed (as being under seal): in either of which cases, it shall be on a 5 s stamp.

Form of the pre-
sentation.

20. And the same may be in this form: *To the most reverend father in God, R. by divine providence lord archbishop of Canterbury, primate of all England and metropolitan:* (if it be to the archbishop of York, the word [all] must be omitted: If to any other bishop, then thus:)

To the right reverend father in God, R. lord bishop of ——— or in his absence to his vicar general in spirituals, or to any other person having or who shall have sufficient authority in this behalf: I Sir W. P. baronet, true and undoubted patron of the rectory of the parish church of ——— [or, of the

the vicarage of ———] in the county of ——— and in your diocese of ——— now vacant by the death [or, resignation, or otherwise as the case shall be] of A. B. the last incumbent there, do present unto you C. D. clerk, master of arts, humbly requesting that you will be pleased to admit the said C. D. to the said church, and to institute and cause him to be inducted into the same, with all its rights members and appurtenances, and to do and execute all other things in this behalf which shall belong to your episcopal office. In witness whereof, I have herunto set my hand and seal, the ——— day of ——— in the year ———

Which being made in this form, if the bishop be inhibited, or the see voided, before institution is had from the immediate bishop; yet the presentation is good to the metropolitan, or other guardian of the spiritualties. *Watf. c. 15.*

If a corporation in presenting doth mistake the name of their foundation, the presentation is void; therefore when a provost did present by the name of the provost of the queen in Oxon, whereas it should have been, *aula scholarium reginæ de Oxon*, according to the foundation; it was adjudged, that by reason of the omission of the word *scholarium*, several presentations did not make an usurpation, because the presentations were void. *M. 8 Ya. Dr. Ayry v. Sir Richard Lovelace. Watf. c. 20. Bullt. 91.*

21. Presentation, tho' duly made in all respects, may be *revoked*, or *varied*. As to the power of *revocation*, the general doctrine of the books seemeth to be, that none but the king can revoke: which he may do at any time before induction; as he may also present a second clerk, and such presentation shall be a good repeal of the first, especially if care is taken to free it of all suspicion of being obtained by fraud in deceit of the king, by making express mention of the first presentation. In like manner, if the king dies before the induction of his clerk, this is said to be a revocation in law. And the general consequence of a right to revoke in any case is, an obligation upon the bishop not to admit against such revocation, upon pain of being a disturber. *Gibf. 795. Watf. c. 20.*

Whether it may be revoked,

But it doth not seem to be clearly settled, that a common person also may not revoke a presentation, before admission and institution thereupon. And in the case of *Stoke and Sykes, M. 3 Cha.* Doderidge said, that the civilians affirm, that a lay patron cannot revoke his presentation, but he may *cumulando variare*, and so the ordinary shall have election to institute which of them he will,

will, but that a spiritual person cannot vary at all; but he said, that by the common law, without question, a patron may revoke his presentation. *Latch. 191.*

And what is said in the books that the king only can revoke, seemeth to intend *after institution*, the church not being full against the king until the induction; but after institution it is certain a common person cannot revoke, it being then too late, the church being full, with respect to him, by the institution.

As to the power of varying, it is agreed on all hands, that this may be done by a common person; that is, after one clerk hath been presented, he may (before admission given) present another; but with this difference from a revocation, that where a patron doth thus vary, cumulating, the ordinary may chuse and admit which of the clerks he pleaseth. *Gibf. 795. Watsf. c. 20.*

But this power of varying belongs to laymen only, and not to ecclesiastical persons of any kind; because they are supposed in law to be competent judges of the sufficiency of the person, and do therefore proceed by judgment and election; and whoever elects an unfit person, is ipso jure deprived of the power of electing. *Gibf. 795. Watsf. c. 20.*

II. Examination.

Original right of
examination in
the bishop.

I. It is very well known, that in the settlement of this church of England, the bishops of the several dioceses had them under their own immediate care; and that they had the clergy living in a community with them, whom they sent abroad to several parts of their dioceses, as they saw occasion to employ them; but that by degrees, they found a necessity of fixing presbyters within such a compass, to attend upon the service of God amongst the inhabitants; that these precincts, which are since called parishes, were at first much larger; that when lords of manors were inclined to build churches for their own conveniences, they found it necessary to make some endowments, to oblige those who officiated in their churches to a diligent attendance: that upon this, the several bishops were very well content to let those patrons have the nomination of persons to those churches, provided they were satisfied of the fitness of those persons, and that it were not deferred beyond such a limited time. So that the right of patronage is really but a limited trust; and the bishops are still in law the judges of the fitness of the persons to be employed in the several parts of their dioceses. But the patrons never had the absolute disposal

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of their benefices upon their own terms; but if they did not present fit persons within the limited time, the care of the places did return to the bishop, who was then bound to provide for them. 1 *Still.* 309.

And by the statute of Articuli cleri, 9 Ed. 2. ft. 1. c. 13. it is enacted as followeth: *It is desired, that spiritual persons, whom our lord the king doth present unto benefices of the church (if the bishop will not admit them, either for lack of learning, or for other cause reasonable) may not be under the examination of lay persons in the cases aforesaid, as it is now attempted, contrary to the decrees canonical; but that they may sue unto a spiritual judge for remedy, as right shall require.* The answer: *Of the ability of a parson presented unto a benefice of the church, the examination belongeth to a spiritual judge; so it hath been used heretofore, and shall be hereafter.*

Of the ability of a parson presented] De idoneitate personæ: So that it is required by law, that the person presented be *idonea persona*; for so be the words of the king's writ, *præsentare idoneam personam*. And this *idoneitas* consisteth in divers exceptions against persons presented: 1. Concerning the person, as if he be under age, or a layman. 2. Concerning his conversation, as if he be criminalous. 3. Concerning his inability to discharge his pastoral duty, as if he be unlearned, and not able to feed his flock with spiritual food. 2 *Inst.* 631.

And the examination of the ability and sufficiency of the person presented belongs to the bishop, who is the ecclesiastical judge; and in this examination he is a judge, and not a minister, and may and ought to refuse the person presented, if he be not *idonea persona*. 2 *Inst.* 631.

The examination belongeth to a spiritual judge] And yet in some cases, notwithstanding this statute, *idoneitas personæ* shall be tried by the country, or else there should be a failure of justice, which the law will not suffer: as if the inability or insufficiency be alledged in a man that is dead, this case is out of the statute; for in such case the bishop cannot examine him; and consequently, tho' the matter be spiritual, yet shall it be tried by a jury; and the court, being assisted by learned men in that profession, may instruct the jury as well of the ecclesiastical law in that case, as they usually do of the common law. 2 *Inst.* 632.

And so it hath been used heretofore] So as this act is a declaration of the common law and custom of the realm. 2 *Inst.* 632.

2. By

Time for ex-
amination.

2. By a constitution of archbishop Langton: *We do in-join, that if any one be canonically presented to a church, and there be no opposition; the bishop shall not delay to admit him longer than two months, provided he be sufficient.* Lind. 138, 215.

But by Can. 95: *Albeit by former constitutions of the church of England, every bishop hath had two months space to inquire and inform himself of the sufficiency and qualities of every minister, after he hath been presented unto him to be instituted into any benefice, yet for the avoiding of some inconveniences, we do now abridge and reduce the said two months unto eight and twenty days only. In respect of which abridgment we do ordain and appoint, that no double quarrel shall hereafter be granted out of any of the archbishops courts, at the suit of any minister whatsoever, except he shall first take his personal oath, that the said eight and twenty days at the least are expired after he first tendered his presentation to the bishop, and that he refused to grant him institution thereupon; or shall enter into bonds with sufficient sureties to prove the same to be true; under pain of suspension of the granter thereof from the execution of his office for half a year toties quoties, to be denounced by the said archbishop, and nullity of the double quarrel aforesaid so unduly procured, to all intents and purposes whatsoever. Always provided, that within the said eight and twenty days, the bishop shall not institute any other to the prejudice of the said party before presented, sub poena nullitatis.*

Every bishop hath had] The canon mentions bishops only, because institution belongeth to them of common right; but it must also be understood to extend to others, who have this right by privilege or custom, as deans, deans and chapters, and others who have peculiar jurisdictions. Concerning whom it hath been unanimously adjudged, that if the archbishop shall give institution to any peculiar belonging to any ecclesiastical person or body, it is only voidable; because they being not free from his jurisdiction and visitation, the archbishop shall be supposed to have a concurrent jurisdiction, and in this case only to supply the defects of the inferiors, till the contrary appears. But if the archbishop grant institution to a peculiar in a lay hand, it is null and void; because he can have no jurisdiction there. Gibs. 804.

To inquire and inform himself] In answer to an objection made, that the bishop ought to receive the clerk of him that comes first, otherwise he is a disturber; Hobart saith, the law is contrary: for as he may take competent time to

to examine the sufficiency and fitness of a clerk, so he may give convenient time to persons interested, to take knowledge of the avoidance (even in case of death, and where notice is to be taken, and not given) to present their clerks to it. Agreeable to what is held elsewhere, that it was a good plea for the ordinary, and no refusal of the clerk, that the ordinary having other business, commanded the clerk to come to him afterwards, to be examined; and that the clerk not returning, and the six months passing, the ordinary was well intitled to the lapse. *Gibf.* 804, 805. 3 *Leon.* 46.

3. Can. 39. *No bishop shall institute any to a benefice, who hath been ordained by any other bishop, except he first shew unto him his letters of orders; and bring him a sufficient testimony of his former good life and behaviour, if the bishop shall require it; and lastly, shall appear upon due examination to be worthy of his ministry.* Manner of examination.

Except he first shew unto him his letters of orders] And by the 13 & 14 C. 2. c. 4. No person shall be capable to be admitted to any parsonage, vicarage, benefice, or other ecclesiastical promotion or dignity whatsoever, before such time as he shall be ordained priest.

And bring a sufficient testimony of his former good life and behaviour] By the ancient laws of the church, and particularly of the church of England, the four things in which the bishop was to have full satisfaction in order to institution, were age, learning, behaviour, and orders. And there is scarce any one thing which the ancient canons of the church more peremptorily forbid, than the admitting clergymen of one diocese to exercise their function in another, without first exhibiting the letters testimonial and commendatory of the bishop, by whom they were ordained. And the constitutions of the archbishops Reynolds and Arundel shew, that the same was the known law of the English church, to wit, that none should be admitted to officiate (not so much as a chaplain, or curate) in any diocese in which he was not born or ordained, unless he bring with him his letters of orders, and letters commendatory of his diocesan. *Gibf.* 806.

Notwithstanding which, in the case of *Palmes* and the bishop of *Peterborough*, T. 33 *El.* On a quare impedit brought against the bishop, the bishop pleaded that he demanded of the presentee of the plaintiff to see his letters of orders, and he would not shew them; and also he

he demanded of him letters missive or testimonial, testifying his ability; and because he had not his letters of orders, nor letters missive, nor made proof of them otherwise to the bishop, he desired leave of the bishop to bring them; and he gave him a week, and he went away, and came not again, and that the six months passed, and he collated by lapse. And upon demurrer, it was adjudged for the plaintiff; for that these were not causes to stay the admittance, and the clerk is not bound to shew his letters of orders or missive to the bishop, but the bishop must try him upon examination for one and other. *Cro. Eliz.* 241.

Which most of the books take notice of as a pretty hard case, and in which perhaps the bishop's taking advantage of the lapse might be some part of the consideration. And these words of the canon (which was made not many years after) seem to have some reference or retrospect to that determination.

But it is to be observed, first, as to the letters of orders, that it was only adjudged not to be necessary to produce the very letters of orders; for they might be lost, and proof thereof might otherwise be very well made from the registry of the bishop who ordained the clerk; or else it would follow, that every clergyman whose letters of orders are lost, or consumed by fire or other accident, would be incapable to be admitted to a benefice. And as to the letters testimonial; the bishop charged, that he did not bring such letters *testifying his ability*, which the court seemeth to have understood of his ability as to learning, of which without doubt the bishop must judge upon examination; but the bishop ought to have set forth, that he did not produce letters missive or testimonial of his good life and behaviour.

And lastly shall appear, upon due examination, to be worthy of his ministry] As to the matter of learning, it hath been particularly allowed, not only by the courts of the king's bench and common pleas, but also by the high court of parliament, that the ordinary is not accountable to any temporal court, for the measures he takes, or the rules by which he proceeds, in examining and judging (only he must examine in convenient time, and refuse in convenient time); and that the clerk's having been ordained (and so, presumed to be of good abilities) doth not take away or diminish the right which the statute above recited doth give to the bishop to whom the presentation

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is made, to examine and judge. *Gibf.* 807. *Shrw.* 88.

4 *Mod.* 134. 3 *Lev.* 311.

In the case of *Albany* and the bishop of *St. Asaph*, T. 27 *Eliz.* the want of knowledge in the Welsh tongue, was declared to be a good cause of refusal, where the service was to be performed in that language; as rendering the clerk incapable of the cure: nor did it avail to alledge, that the language might be learned, or that the part of the cure he was incapable of might be discharged by a curate. *Gibf.* 807.

The law is the same, if the person presented doth not understand the English tongue; for in such case, the bishop may refuse him for incapacity. *Watf.* c. 20.

Where there is a mixture of divers languages in any place, the rule of the canon law is, that the person presented do understand the several languages, *Gibf.* 807.

III. Refusal.

1. The most common and ordinary cause of refusal is want of learning. Causes of refusal.

But there are also many other causes for which a clerk presented may lawfully be refused; as, if he be perjured before a lawful judge; or if he be an heretick or schismatick; or irreligious; or (as is said in the old books) if he is a bastard, and not dispensed withal; or if he is within age; or if he or his patron be excommunicated for the space of forty days; or if he be outlawed; or guilty of forgery; or hath committed simony in the procuring of the presentment he brings, or of another presentment to a former benefice; or hath committed manslaughter, that is, if he be attainted thereof, and not pardoned; and it is said, that the ordinary may refuse a clerk upon his own knowledge for an offence committed by him, which is a good cause of refusal, altho' he be not convicted thereof by the law; and this shall be tried by issue, whether it be true or not: And generally, all such as are sufficient causes of deprivation, are also sufficient causes of refusal. *Watf.* c. 20.

2. If the clerk refused be the presentee of a bishop, or other ecclesiastical patron; the ordinary is not bound to give notice of the refusal: or if he should do it, such patron can never revoke nor vary his presentation, by presenting one afterwards that is better qualified, without the ordinary's consent; the law supposing him that is a spiritual person, to be capable of chusing an able clerk:

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And so lapse may come to him unavoidably, if the clerk first presented be justly refused. But if the clerk presented be the presentee of a lay patron, and be refused by the ordinary; the ordinary in most cases is bound to give notice to the patron of such refusal: for if in such case no notice is given, no lapse can run, tho' no other clerk be presented; nor if notice be given, unless upon trial the clerk was justly refused. But if a clerk presented be for good cause refused, and notice thereof be in due time and manner given to the patron, and no other clerk be presented in time; lapse doth run to the ordinary. *Watf. c. 12.*

In the case of *Hele* and the bishop of *Exeter*, *M. 3 W.* It was said by the court; that if the ordinary refuse because he is criminous, he need not give notice of the refusal; for the crime is as much in the cognizance of the patron as of the bishop; but if he refuse because illiterate, he must give notice. *2 Salk. 539.*

And in general, lord Coke says, if the cause of refusal be for default of learning, or that he is an heretick, schismatick, or the like, belonging to the knowledge of ecclesiastical law, there the ordinary must give notice thereof to the patron; but if the cause be temporal, as felony, or homicide, or other temporal crime, or if the disability grow by any act of parliament, or other temporal law, there no notice need to be given, unless notice be prescribed to be given thereby. *2 Inst. 631.*

But in the case of the *King* and the bishop of *Hereford*, where the refusal was of a common drunkard and common swearer, who was presented by the king, and it was argued that in this case no notice need to be given, because *nullum tempus occurrit regi*, and no lapse could incur if he did not present again within the six months; yet the court resolved, that the plea was bad, for want of notice alledged. *Gibf. 807. Comyns 358.*

At least in all cases it is fair and equitable, to give notice to the patron of the refusal, whatever the cause may be; for it is very possible that the person presented may be many ways unfit, and the patron not know it.

And it is not enough that the bishop barely give notice of his refusal, unless he also signify the cause of it. For altho' the bishop is judge in the examination, yet inasmuch as the proceedings of the bishop are not of record, the cause of refusal is traversable; and if it be traversed, and the party refused be living, this shall be

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tried by the metropolitan; and if he be dead, this shall be tried by the country. 5 *Cp.* 58.

And such notice ought to be given with as much speed as conveniently may be; and therefore, where the ordinary delayed to give notice to the patron for the space of twenty two days, it was held that the notice was insufficient, and that therefore the bishop should have no advantage by lapse. *Wals.* c. 20.

And notice is to be given in such cases to the person of the patron, if he be within the county where the church is at the time of the giving thereof; otherwise it is to be given to him by an instrument in writing, affixed to the door of the church to which the clerk was presented; but if notice be given by such instrument as aforesaid, before the patron be inquired after, and a return made that he is not to be found within the county, such notice is not good. *Wals.* c. 20.

When the bishop hath given notice of his refusal of a clerk, this doth not give the patron a longer time to present in, than he had before. For if the church be so void, that the bishop is not bound to give the patron notice of the avoidance, the patron must present his second clerk (if he think his first presentation to be justly refused) within the six months, accounting from the time the avoidance happened. But if the church be void by such means, as that the six months do not run without due notice to the patron of the avoidance, and the patron doth present his clerk before the ordinary hath given him any notice thereof; if the ordinary doth refuse his clerk, and give notice of his refusal, yet the patron (as it seemeth) hath six months, accounting from the notice of the bishop's refusal, to make his second presentment in, before lapse can incur. But if the bishop had given notice of the avoidance before the patron presented, and then he refuseth the patron's clerk for just cause, and doth give notice thereof, the patron's six months are to be accounted from the first notice. *Wals.* c. 20.

If the bishop refuse a clerk for insufficiency, and the patron presents another, and the bishop admits the first, he is a disturber; for having once refused him for insufficiency, he cannot afterwards accept him. *Gibf.* 807.

3. When the bishop doth without good cause refuse, or unduly delay to admit and institute a clerk to the church to which he is presented, the clerk may have his remedy against the bishop in the ecclesiastical court, as the patron may in the temporal court.

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Remedy for the clerk refused, by duplex querela in the spiritual court.

This remedy the clerk may have before the ordinary to whom appeals are to be made, by the way of a duplex querela; that is to say, if a bishop doth refuse, then before the archbishop in his court of appeals; if an archbishop doth refuse, then before the delegates.

And if the bishop doth admit the clerk, and then doth refuse to institute him; the clerk may have the same remedy against the ordinary, to inforce him to do his duty: that is, the clerk presented having exhibited his presentation to the bishop, or to his vicar general (having power to institute), and being refused or unjustly delayed, and complaining to the judge of appeals thereof; the judge is wont to write to the bishop in form of law, and this writing they call a duplex querela.

This duplex querela is to contain a monition to the bishop, or to his vicar general (having power to give institution) that within a certain time, as within nine, or sometimes fifteen days, he admit the party complaining; and also a citation, whereby the bishop may be cited to appear by himself or proctor at a day after, in case he doth not institute as aforesaid, to shew cause why, by reason of his neglect of doing justice, the right of institution is not devolved to the superior judge. It is also expedient, that the same duplex querela do contain an inhibition to the bishop and to such vicar general as aforesaid, that nothing be done by either of them pending the suit, to the prejudice of the party complaining.

The clerk refused, having obtained from the proper judge a duplex querela, is to take care that some person sufficiently learned for that purpose, do admonish the bishop to admit him and to do him justice, within the time mentioned in the duplex querela, and also according to the contents thereof to inhibit the bishop.

If the bishop, after he is admonished to institute the presentee, shall expressly refuse to admit him; the mandatory may presently cite the bishop to appear, according to the contents of the duplex querela; but if no refusal be made, the bishop being admonished as aforesaid, the clerk is first to repair to the bishop or such his vicar general as aforesaid, on the third day after if no more than nine days are mentioned in the duplex querela, or on the fifth day after if fifteen days be appointed therein, and to exhibit his presentation, and to require admission and justice in all respects to be done to him, and offer himself ready to subscribe the thirty nine articles of religion, and the declaration as required by law, and to take the oaths, and

and to do every other thing required by law to be of him performed, in respect of his admission and institution into that benefice. And this he is to do two times more, if not received, namely, every third or every fifth day, according to the time given in the duplex querela. But if he cannot come to the presence of the bishop, he is to protest his readiness to receive his admission and to subscribe as aforesaid, and to have at least two witnesses thereof.

If the bishop shall not do the clerk justice within the time limited; then, after the expiration thereof, the party presented is to take care that the bishop be cited according to the tenor of the duplex querela.

If the person that is to cite the bishop cannot come to his presence, he is to signify to some of the bishop's servants, that he hath a duplex querela at the instance of such a clerk presented to such a church, to be by him executed, and to desire that he may come to the presence of the bishop. If he may not come to the bishop's presence, so that he cannot cite him; the presentee is to stay till the day on which the bishop should appear had he been cited; at which time he is to be called; and if he appear not by himself or proctor, a citation *viis et modis* is to be decreed, which is to be executed personally if the bishop may be spoken with, and if not, then by affixing it to the outward doors of the bishop's palace, or of the house where the bishop resides, or of his cathedral church.

After the bishop is cited, whether by the first or second mandate, the person citing is to certify to the clerk or his proctor, by his letters, or by subscribing upon the backside of the mandate, the day of executing the monition to institute, and the inhibition, the several days of the presentee's asking admission, and the day of his citing the bishop; and if the bishop refused expressly to admit, that also is to be certified.

If the bishop appear not at the day, upon the petition of the presentee's proctor, the bishop being thrice called, is by the judge pronounced contumacious; and as a punishment of his contumacy, the judge doth pronounce the right of instituting the presentee to his benefice to be devolved to the superior judge, and doth decree that the clerk shall be instituted, and that he will write to the archdeacon or ordinary of the diocese where the church is, commanding him to induct him.

Then the clerk is remitted (if the proceedings be in the court of arches or audience) to the archbishop to examine him; and the archbishop approving of him, returns him with his *fiat institutio* to the judge; who, before he institutes, is wont to require a bond of the presentee to save him harmless on that account.

But if the bishop doth appear, and doth alledge some just cause why he refused the clerk; then they are to proceed to the trial of that, as in other summary causes.

If the cause alledged by the bishop be not proved, the judge pronounceth as before, for his own jurisdiction; and the bishop is to be condemned in expences; and so if he doth alledge an insufficient cause, as that the church is litigious; for this he ought to have tried.

If the bishop will not defend the suit, the pretended incumbent may do it, and alledge that the church is full of himself: But then the judge will first pronounce sentence for his own jurisdiction; because the bishop hath alledged nothing to oppose it. But if the bishop will allow such incumbent to defend the suit in his own name, then the judge cannot decree for his own jurisdiction, until the cause is determined. *Clarke, Querela Dupl. Wats. c. 21. 1 Ought. 237—248.*

And this way of proceeding in this case against a bishop, is allowed of by the common law; and no prohibition lieth for the bishop. *Wats. c. 21.*

Which course of proceeding in the ecclesiastical court, is the most proper remedy that the clerk can use, in case he be refused by the bishop upon the account of any personal fault or defect: not only because by such course the clerk in a short time, at less charge, and less hazard of losing his living by errors (which are easily fallen into at common law), may gain institution; but also because, although his patron bring his action at common law for refusing his clerk for crime or insufficiency, such cause of refusal shall be tried by a spiritual judge, to wit, if a bishop refuse, by the metropolitan of the province. *Wats. c. 21.*

And the ecclesiastical judge in this case, is to make certificate of his judgment to the temporal court; upon which they may proceed to sentence, in a *quare impedit* or *darrein presentment*. *Wats. c. 21.*

If the archbishop of York refuse, it is said that the cause of refusal shall be tried by himself only. *Wats. c. 21.*

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But if the party in whom disability is alledged, be dead before his second examination, so as he cannot be examined; the trial of his ability or disability shall be by the country. So in a quare impedit against the archbishop of Canterbury, if the ability of the clerk come in question, it is said that it shall be tried by the country, and not by any inferior ordinari, and the same reason seems to be as to the archbishop of York. *Wals. c. 21.*

4. If the patron finds himself aggrieved by the ordinary's refusal of his clerk; he may have his remedy by quare impedit in the temporal court.

Remedy for the patron in the temporal court, by quare impedit.

And in such case the ordinary must shew the cause of his refusal specially and directly (not only that he is a schismatic, or heretic, for instance; but the particular schismatical acts or heretical opinions that he is charged withal must be set forth). For the examination of the bishop doth not finally conclude the plaintiff: and without shewing specially, the proper court cannot inquire and resolve, whether the refusal be just or no. And if the cause of refusal be spiritual, the court shall write to the metropolitan to certify thereof; or if the cause be temporal and sufficient in law (which the temporal court shall decide) the same may be traversed, and an issue thereupon joined, and tried by the country. *2 Inst. 631. 5 Co. 58.*

But in case of refusal for insufficiency in learning, it was adjudged in parliament, in the case of the bishop of Exeter against *Hele*, to be a good plea on the part of the bishop, that the presentee was a person *not sufficient or capable in learning to have the said church*; and there resolved, that he need not shew in what kinds of learning, or to what degrees, he was defective. *2 Salk. 539. Gibb. 807.*

IV. Admission.

In a larger sense, admission is sometimes used to include also institution; but more frequently, and properly, admission is taken to be, when the bishop upon examination doth approve of the presentee, as a fit person to serve the cure of the church to which he is presented; and institution is that act by which he doth commit to him the cure thereof. *Wals. c. 15.*

And we find sometimes also the practice of investiture by the bishop, in our ecclesiastical records; — *ipsum instituit et investivit annulo suo*; which is frequently repeated

in archbishop *Peckham's* register (and is in use to this day in the diocese of *St. Asaph*), and is mentioned as distinct from the admission, institution, and induction, *Gibf.* 808.

V. Institution, or collation.

Difference between institution and collation.

1. There is no difference between institution and collation, as to the action it self but this; that the bishop doth not present to such livings as are in his own gift, but immediately instituteth his clerk, in much the same form as he or his chancellor institute a clerk presented by any other patron. And as the bishop collates to benefices of his own gift *jure pleno*, so he doth to those which fall to him by lapse. *Johnf.* 81.

Oath against simony.

2. By Can. 40. *To avoid the detestable sin of simony, every archbishop, bishop, or other person having authority to admit, institute, or collate, to any spiritual or ecclesiastical function, dignity, or benefice, shall before every such admission, institution, or collation, minister to every person to be admitted, instituted, or collated, the oath against simony (which is inserted under the title Simony.)*

Oaths of allegiance and supremacy.

3. By the 1 El. c. 1. & 1 W. c. 8. s. 5. *Every person who shall be promoted or collated to any spiritual or ecclesiastical benefice, promotion, dignity, office, or ministry; before he shall take upon him to receive, use, exercise, supply, or occupy the same, shall take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, before such person as shall have authority to admit him; (which are inserted under the title Oaths.)*

Oath of canonical obedience.

4. Also the person to be instituted shall take the oath of canonical obedience in like manner. *Clarke, Tit.* 91.

Which oath is as followeth; "I A. B. do swear, that " I will perform true and canonical obedience to the " bishop of C. and his successors, in all things lawful and " honest: So help me God." *Gibf.* 810.

Oath of residence.

5. And if it is a vicarage, he shall in like manner take the oath of personal residence in the same. *Clarke, Tit.* 91.

Which is this; "I A. B. do swear, that I will be resident in my vicarage of _____ in the diocese of _____ " unless I shall be otherwise dispensed withal by my diocesan: So help me God." *Gibf.* 810.

And by a constitution of *Otho*; without the oath of residence, the vicar's institution shall be void. *Athon.* 24.

Subscription to the thirty nine articles.

6. By the 13 El. c. 12. requiring assent and subscription to certain articles therein specified, and contained in the

the book of articles agreed upon in convocation in the year 1562, it is enacted, that *no person shall be admitted to any benefice with cure, except he shall first have subscribed the said articles in presence of the ordinary.*

To any benefice with cure.] So that sine-cures, archdeaconries, prebends, and the like, lay no obligation on any person to subscribe, by this statute. *Gibf. 808.*

Except he shall first have subscribed.] And the ordinary is not bound to offer the articles to the clerk to be by him subscribed, and to require him to do it; but the clerk is himself to offer to subscribe them: and in this case upon the clerk's neglect to subscribe the articles, the church remains void, as never full of such clerk, and no sentence of deprivation is necessary, by reason that he never was incumbent, but the admission and institution are void. *Watf. c. 15.*

In presence of the ordinary.] Before this statute, institution was frequently given (as inductions and instalments may be still) by proxy; as appears by innumerable instances in the ecclesiastical records. *Gibf. 808.*

7. By *Can. 36.* *No person shall, either by institution or collation be admitted to any ecclesiastical living; except he shall first subscribe to these three articles following.*

(1) "That the king's majesty, under God, is the only supreme governor of this realm, and of all other his highness's dominions and countries, as well in all spiritual or ecclesiastical things or causes, as temporal; and that no foreign prince, person, prelate, state, or potentate, hath or ought to have any jurisdiction, power, superiority, preheminance or authority, ecclesiastical or spiritual, within his majesty's said realms, dominions, and countries."

(2) "That the book of common prayer, and of ordering of bishops, priests and deacons, containeth in it nothing contrary to the word of God, and that it may lawfully be used, and that he himself will use the form in the said book prescribed in publick prayer, and administration of the sacraments, and none other."

(3) "That he alloweth the book of articles of religion, agreed upon by the archbishops and bishops of both provinces, and the whole clergy in the convocation holden at London, in the year of our Lord God one thousand five hundred and sixty two; and that he acknowledge all and every the articles therein con-

Subscription to the three articles, concerning the supremacy, the common prayer, and the thirty nine articles.

"tained, being in number nine and thirty, besides the ratification, to be agreeable to the word of God."

To these three articles whosoever will subscribe, he shall for the avoiding of all ambiguities, subscribe in this order and form of words, setting down both his christian and surname, viz. "I N. N. do willingly and ex animo subscribe to these three articles abovementioned, and to all things that are contained in them." And if any bishop shall admit any as is aforesaid, except he first have subscribed in manner and form aforesaid, he shall be suspended from giving of orders and licences to preach for the space of twelve months.

Which penalty seemeth not adequate to the offence; for this is punishing of others, rather than the bishop, for the bishop's default.

Subscription of
the declaration
of conformity.

8. By the 13 & 14 C. 2. c. 4. Every dean, canon, and prebendary of every cathedral or collegiate church; and every parson, vicar, curate, lecturer, and every other person in holy orders; who shall be incumbent or have possession of any deanry, canonry, prebend, parsonage, vicarage, or any other ecclesiastical dignity or promotion, or of any curate's place or lecture; shall at or before his admission to be incumbent or have possession aforesaid, subscribe the declaration or acknowledgement following, viz. "I A. B. do declare, that I will conform to the liturgy of the church of England, as it is now by law established." 13 & 14 C. 2. c. 4. s. 8, 12. 1 W. 1 s. 8. f. 11.

Which said declaration and acknowledgement shall be subscribed before the archbishop, bishop, or ordinary of the diocese [or before the vicar general, chancellor, or commissary respectively, 15 C. 2. c. 6. s. 5.] on pain that every person failing in such subscription, shall lose and forfeit such respective promotion; and shall be utterly disabled and ipso facto deprived thereof; and the same shall be void, as if such person so failing were naturally dead. 13 & 14 C. 2. c. 4. s. 16.

And after such subscription made, every such parson, vicar, curate, and lecturer shall procure a certificate under the hand and seal of the respective archbishop, bishop, or ordinary of the diocese (or such vicar general, chancellor, or commissary aforesaid), who shall on demand make and deliver the same; to be read by him publicly in the church afterwards. 13 & 14 C. 2. c. 4. s. 11.

9. If the bishop admit a clerk as sufficient, he either institutes him in person, or else gives him his fiat, and sends him to his vicar general, chancellor, or commissary, to do it for him. *John. 72.*

Concerning the
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So archbishop Sancroft, when he had resolved against taking the oaths to king William and queen Mary, and therefore could not in reason administer them to others, did send his clerks to be instituted to his collative benefices, by the vicar general. *Johns.* 72.

And not only by commission in particular cases, but also the general power of granting institution may be delegated by patent to chancellors or commissaries; but this hath not always been judged convenient. *Gibbs.* 804.

During the time that any diocese or inferior jurisdiction is visited, and inhibited by the archbishop, the right of institution belongeth to him; and when any see is vacant, the right belongeth also to him, or to such other as by composition, prescription, or otherwise, is guardian of the spiritualities. *Gibbs.* 804.

If institution be taken from an improper hand, it may be made good by confirmation of the person from whom it ought to have been taken. Thus we find, that an institution which had been given by the bishop of St. David's, pending his suspension, was confirmed by archbishop Whitgift; as also another institution, by archbishop Abbot, which had been given by the bishop, pending a metropolitanical visitation. *Gibbs.* 814.

10. It is not of necessity, that the examination, admission, or institution be made by the ordinary within the diocese in which the church is; for the jurisdiction of the ordinary, as to such matters, is not local, but follows the person of the ordinary, wherever he goes. *Watf.* c. 15.

But Dr. Gibson says, this hath not always been understood to be clear law: as appears by the many commissions which have been granted from time to time, by archbishops to their comprovincial bishops, to institute out of their diocese, and in any part of the province. Which commission, he says, nevertheless, may be understood in this sense, that though the act shall be good and valid in law when done, yet the doing it without leave is irregular. *Gibbs.* 804.

11. The form and manner of the institution is, that the clerk kneeleth down before the ordinary, whilst he readeth the words of institution out of a written instrument, drawn beforehand for this purpose, with the seal episcopal appendant, which the clerk during the ceremony is to hold in his hand. *Johns.* 74.

12. Institution being given to a clerk, a distinct and particular entry thereof is to be made in the public register.

Form and manner of institution.

Entry thereof in the register.

ster of the ordinary : that is, not only that such a clerk received institution on such a day, and in such a year ; but, if the clerk was presented, then at whose presentation, and whether in his own right, or in the right of another ; and if collated, or presented by the crown, then whether in their own right, or by lapse. This hath been the practice, as far back as any ecclesiastical records remain : and it is of great importance that such entries be duly made and carefully preserved ; both to the clerk, whose letters of institution may be destroyed or lost ; and to the patron, whose title may suffer in time to come, by the want of proper evidence upon whose presentation it was that institution was given. And it might tend perhaps to the better observation hereof, if every clerk, after having passed the examination of the ordinary, and thereupon obtained his fiat, were sent to the proper office of the register for his letters of institution. *Gibf.* 813.

And lord Coke says ; presentations, admissions, and institutions, are the life of advowsons ; and therefore if patrons suspect that the register of the bishop will be negligent in keeping of them, he may have a certiorari to the bishop, to certify them into the chancery. *2 Inst.* 356. [a]

Letters testimonial thereof.

13. The clerk being instituted, the institution is good, without any after act ; yet the ordinary is wont to make letters testimonial thereof. *Watf.* c. 15.

Stamp duty.

14. By the several stamp acts ; for every institution that shall pass the seal of any archbishop or bishop, chancellor, or other ordinary, or any ecclesiastical court whatsoever, shall be paid a treble five shillings stamp duty.

And for every collation to a living of 10l. a year or upwards in the king's books, shall be paid a double forty shillings stamp duty. And the reason of this difference is, because collation standeth also in the place of a presentation, for which (in case of a living of 10l. a year or more in the king's books) a like double forty shillings stamp duty is required to be paid.

[a] in the book it self the words are, *Present admissions and institutions* &c. and so it is quoted by every one : but the sense seemeth to require (without overstraining the rules of criticism) that we should suppose the word *Present* with a dash to have been writ short in the original manuscript for *Presentations*, and so mistaken by the printer. Of which kind of errors there are divers others in that author's works, especially in those which were published after his death.

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If the collation is to a living under 10l. a year in the king's books, it seemeth that the same shall be on a treble five shillings stamp.

15. It is not material what seal the ordinary doth make Seal. use of in that case. *Wals. c. 15*

Thus in the case of *Cort* and the bishop of *St. David's*, *H. 9 Car.* the chancellor of *St. David's* had made use of the bishop of *London's* seal; and it was adjudged to be well enough, because it is the act of the court which makes the institution, and the instrument is only a testimonial of that act; and the seal used (whatever it be) shall be taken to be the seal of the person instituting for that time. *Gro. Car. 341.*

16. Last of all, the ordinary executeth, and delivereth to the party instituted, a written mandate to the archdeacon, or other proper person to induct him. *Johns. 74.* Mandate to induct.

17. By the 31 *El. c. 6.* If any person shall for any reward or other profit, or any promise or other assurance thereof, directly or indirectly, (other than for usual and lawful fees,) admit, institute, instal, induct, invest, or place any person in or to any benefice with cure of souls, dignity, prebend, or other living ecclesiastical; he shall forfeit the double value of one year's profit thereof, and the same shall be void as if such person were naturally dead. *s. 6.* Fee.

By a constitution of archbishop *Langton*: No prelate shall extort any thing, or suffer any thing to be extorted by his officials or archdeacons, for institution, or putting into possession, or for any writing concerning the same to be made. *Lind. 137.*

And by a constitution of archbishop *Stratford*: We do ordain, that for the writing letters of institution or collation, no more shall be taken than 12d; but the ordinaries shall allow stipends to their officers, wherewith they shall be contented. And for the sealing of such letters, or to the marshals of the bishop's house, or porters, nothing shall be paid. And if any person shall take any thing contrary to the premisses, he shall restore double within a month: otherwise, if he is a clerk beneficed, he shall be suspended from his office and benefice; if he is not beneficed, or a lay person, he shall be interdicted from the entrance of the church until he shall make satisfaction as aforesaid. *Lind. 222.*

But generally, the ecclesiastical fees at this day are regulated by the practice and custom of every diocese, according to a table confirmed by archbishop *Whitgift*, and as is directed by the 135th canon.

18. The clerk by institution or collation hath the cure of souls committed to him, and is answerable for any neglect in this point. *Johns. 74.* Effect of institution or collation.

And as to the temporalities; whereas presentation doth give to the clerk a right *ad rem*, so institution or collation do give him a right *in re*: and therefore in virtue of collation as well as of institution, the clerk may enter into the glebe, and take the tithes, though for want of induction, he cannot yet grant or sue for them. *Gibf. 813.*

But herein collation and institution differ: that by institution, the church is full, and plenarily by six months is pleadable against all persons but the king; and against the king also when he claimeth in the right of a common person: but by collation the church is not full, nor is plenarily by collation pleadable; but the right patron may bring his writ and remove the collatee at any time; unless he be such patron who hath also right to collate, for against him plenarily by collation is pleadable. And the reason why collation doth not make a plenarity is, because then the bishop would be judge in his own cause, to the great prejudice of patrons; and therefore the bishop's collation in this respect, is interpreted no more than a temporary provision for celebration of divine service, until the patron do present. *Gibf. 813. Wms. c. 12.*

Trial of institution,

19. Institution is properly cognizable in the ecclesiastical court; but if after induction a man is sued there, supposing his institution was void, that shall be tried in the temporal court; because by the induction the person hath a freehold in the benefice, which must be tried at common law. *2 Roll's Abr. 294.*

Super-institution,

20. A church being full by institution, if a second institution is granted to the same church, this is a super-institution. Concerning which, two things have been resolved; 1. That the super-institution, as such, is properly triable in the spiritual court. 2. That it is not triable there, in case induction hath been given upon the first institution. *Gibf. 813.*

The advantage of a super-institution is, that it enables the party who obtains it, to try his title by escheat, without putting him about to his quare impedit: but many inconveniences following from thence (as, the uncertainty to whom tithes shall be paid, and the like), this method hath been justly discouraged. *Gibf. 813.*

First fruits to be compounded for after institution.

21. By the 26 H. 8. c. 3. s. 2. Every person before any actual or real possession or meddling with the profits of his benefice, shall pay or compound for the first fruits to the king's use, at reasonable days, and upon good securities.

VI. Induction.

1. After institution given, the ordinary issues a mandate for induction, directed to the person who hath power to induct. And this person, of common right, is the archdeacon. But by prescription or composition, others as well as archdeacons may make inductions; for by prescription the dean and chapter of Litchfield do make induction, and so do the dean and chapter of St. Paul's, *Wals. c. 15.*

Mandate of induction.

So if a church is exempt from archidiaconal jurisdiction (as many churches are), then the mandate is to be directed to the chancellor or commissary; and if it be a peculiar, then to the dean or judge within such peculiar. And when an archbishop collates by lapse, or when a see is vacant, the mandate goes, not to the officer of the archbishop, but of the bishop. *Gibf. 815.*

If a bishop dies, or is removed, after institution given, and whilst a mandate of induction is either not issued, or not executed; the clerk may repair to the archbishop for a mandate of induction. This is, because the authority of the bishop is determined, and that authority devolved to the archbishop, as guardian of the spiritualities sede vacante. And the same rule takes place, if the bishop is visited, and his jurisdiction suspended, after institution and before induction. And though such mandate is not executed before a new bishop is confirmed (who then hath authority to grant it), but is executed after; it shall not be void (because it is the act of one who hath authority throughout his province), but only voidable at most; as was determined in the exchequer chamber, *M. 29 C. 2.* in the case of *Robinson and Wolley*; a contrary judgment, which had been given in the court of king's bench (viz. that it was void) being at the same time reversed. *Gibf. 815.*

It seemeth not clear from the words of the several stamp acts, whether the ordinary's mandate for induction shall be on a treble 5s, or on a 5s stamp; the words are, Every licence that shall pass the seal of any bishop, chancellor, or other ordinary—shall be on a treble 5s stamp: Every obligatory instrument, procuration, or other non-litigat act—on a 5s stamp.

The archdeacon, or other person to whom the mandate is directed, either maketh the induction in person,

or

or directeth his precept unto others to do it. *Gibf.* 815.

Manner of induction.

2. And the induction is to be made according to the tenor and language of the mandate; by vesting the incumbent with full possession of all the profits belonging to the church. Accordingly, the inductor usually takes the clerk by the hand, and lays it upon the key, or upon the ring of the church door, or if the key cannot be had, and there is no ring on the door, or if the church be ruined, then on any part of the wall of the church or church-yard, and saith to this effect: "By virtue of this mandate, I do induct you into the real, actual, and corporal possession of this church of C. with all the rights, profits, and appurtenances thereto belonging." After which, the inductor opens the door, and puts the person inducted into the church; who usually tolls a bell, to make his induction publick, and known to the parishioners. Which being done, the clergyman who inducted indorseth a certificate of his induction, on the archdeacon's mandate, and they who were present do testify the same under their hands. *Johns.* 77. *Watf.* c. 15.

If the inductor, or person to be inducted, be kept out of the church or parsonage house by laymen, the writ *de vi laica removenda* lies for the clerk, which is directed out of chancery, to the sheriff of the county, to remove the force, and (if need be) to arrest and imprison the persons who make resistance. *Johns.* 75.

If any other clergyman, presented by the same patron with the person to be inducted, doth keep possession; then a *spoliation* is grantable out of the spiritual court: whereby the profits shall be sequestred, till the right be determined. *Johns.* 75.

But donatives are given and fully possessed, by the single donation of the patron in writing; without presentation, institution, or induction. *Gibf.* 819.

So if the king doth grant one of his free chapels, the grantee shall be put in possession by the sheriff of the county, and not by the ordinary of the place. *Watf.* c. 15.

And in some places, a prebendary shall have possession without induction; as at Westminster, where the king makes collation by his letters patents, and thereupon the party enters upon the prebend without other induction, and it is good. And in some places the bishop makes

makes the induction, in some places others make it; and the usage generally shall hold place. *Wals. c. 15.*

But the possession of sine-cures, must be obtained by the same methods, by which the possession of other rectories and vicarages is obtained; namely, by presentation, institution, and induction. *Gibf. 818.*

3. By a constitution of archbishop Stratford, it is ordained, that for the writing letters of institution or collation, and commissions to induct, or certificates of induction, no more shall be taken than 12 d. *Lind. 222.*

Fee for induction.

Which sum was considerable in those days, being nearly equal to 20 s. now.

But (as was said before of institution) these fees are generally regulated, according to the custom of the respective places.

But as to the expences of the induction it self, it is directed more at large by a constitution of the same archbishop as followeth: *We do decree, that they who are bound by the mandate of their superior to induct clerks admitted to ecclesiastical benefices shall be content with moderate expences for such induction to be made; that is to say, if the archdeacon induct, he shall be satisfied with 40 d; if his official, he shall be contented with 2 s; for all and every the expences of themselves and their servants for their diet: reserving nevertheless to the person inducted his option, whether he will pay this procuracion to the inductor and his attendants in such sum of money, or in other necessaries. And if more than this shall be taken by the inductors by reason of the premisses, or if they shall take any more for making the induction by themselves in their own persons, or if they shall delay by artificial pretences to make and deliver to the clerks inducted letters certificatory of their induction; they who shall be unduly culpable in this behalf, shall be suspended from their office and entrance into the church, until they shall make restitution.* *Lindw. 140.*

That they who are bound] By this it appears, that it is not in the archdeacon's power to induct or not induct, after he hath received the mandate from his superior; because he is bound to obey his mandates, and so this importeth a necessity. *Lindw. 140.*

By the mandate] For neither the archdeacon nor any other ought to induct any person into a church, without a mandate from the person instituting. *Lind. 140.*

Of their superior] As, of the archbishop, or any other, to whom by right or custom institution belongeth. *Lind. 140.*

For

For such induction to be made] That is, for the expences concerning the induction. *Lind. 140.*

If the archdeacon inducet] For it is his office (saith Lindwood) to induct persons admitted to ecclesiastical benefices into corporal possession of the said benefices. *Lind. 140.*

He shall be satisfied with 40 d.] Which sum in those days was sufficient (Lindwood says) for four persons and as many horses, together with one sumpter horse. *Lind. 140.*

If his official] So that it is not required in the induction, that the archdeacon perform this act in his own person, but he may execute it by another. *Lind. 140.*

He shall be contented with 2 s.] Namely, for two or three horses at the most. *Lind. 140.*

For their diet] To wit, victuals for themselves, and provender for their horses, for one day and night. *Lind. 140.*

Reserving nevertheless to the person inducted his option] Which at this day (Dr. Gibson saith) the person inducted hath lost by custom. *Gibf. 814.*

Whether he will pay this procuracion in such sum of money] Namely, of 40 d. when he is inducted by the archdeacon, or 2 s. when he is inducted by his official. But what if he be inducted (saith Lindwood) by any other than by the archdeacon or his official, but by the archdeacon's mandate; whether then may the archdeacon take any thing for such induction? I think not (he says); but such inductor shall have from the inducted his necessary expences suitable to his degree, under the like moderation as is appointed for the archdeacon or his official. *Lind. 140.*

If more than this shall be taken by the inducitors by reason of the premisses] But whether may the archdeacons, besides the expences for their diet (as the constitution expresseth it) take any thing of the person inducted in the name of fees to be paid to himself and his officers (as perhaps where it hath been the custom to pay something certain upon such account) without incurring the penalty of this constitution? It seemeth (saith Lindwood) that they may, to wit, for their personal labour, and other necessary expences, exclusive of their diet as aforesaid; that

is to say, without incurring the penalty hereby inflicted : for the constitution doth not prohibit them expressly, and penal laws are to be taken strictly. But they may be otherwise punished as simonists. *Lind. 141.*

Letters certificatory] Whereby according to their mandate the Inductors do certify whether they have actually inducted the clerk instituted or not : and these letters certificatory in common speech are called letters of induction. *Lind. 140.*

They who shall be unduly culpable] That is without reasonable cause, or just impediment. *Lind. 141.*

4. After institution, the clerk is not compleat incumbent till after induction ; or, as the canon law calls it, corporal possession. For by this it is, that he becomes seised of the temporalities of the church, so as to have power to grant them, or sue for them ; by this, he is unexceptionably intitled to plead (as occasion shall require) that he is parson imparsonee ; and by this also the church is full, not only against a common person (for so it is by institution) but also against the king ; and by consequence, it is compleatly full, and the clerk is compleat incumbent or possessor. On which account it is compared, in the books of common law, to livery and seisin ; by which possession is given to temporal estates. And what induction worketh in parochial cures, is effected by instalment into dignities, prebends, and the like, in cathedral and collegiate churches. *Gibf. 814.*

5. Induction is an act of a temporal nature. So the books of common law every where declare (notwithstanding it is an act of spiritual persons about a spiritual matter) ; because it instates the incumbent in full possession of the temporalities, as these are opposed to the spiritual office or function. Upon which account, it is cognisable only in the temporal courts. *Gibf. 815.*

And upon the like ground it is held, that the archdeacon, if he refuse or delay to induct, is not only punishable by spiritual censures, but is also liable to an action on the case in the temporal court. *Id.*

In the archbishop's registry, mention is made of appeals to the archbishop, where the person who had been instituted was denied induction, or the mandate of induction ; and liberty given, in other instances, to persons who pretended an interest, to shew cause why induction ought not to be granted, after institution given. *Id.*

VII. Requisites after induction.

To read the common prayer, and declare assent hereunto.

1. By the 13 & 14 C. 2. c. 4. Every person who shall be presented or collated or put into any ecclesiastical benefice or promotion, shall in the church, chapel, or place of public worship belonging to his said benefice or promotion, within two months next after that he shall be in the actual possession of the said ecclesiastical benefice or promotion, upon some Lord's day, openly publicly and solemnly read the morning and evening prayers, appointed to be read by and according to the book of common prayer, at the times thereby appointed or to be appointed; and after such reading thereof, shall openly and publicly, before the congregation there assembled, declare his unfeigned assent and consent to the use of all things therein contained and prescribed, in these words, and no other: "I A. B. do here declare
 " my unfeigned assent and consent to all and every thing
 " contained and prescribed in and by the book, intituled,
 " The book of common prayer and administration of the
 " sacraments, and other rights and ceremonies of the
 " church, according to the use of the church of Eng-
 " land; together with the psalter or psalms of David,
 " pointed as they are to be sung or said in churches; and
 " the form or manner of making, ordaining, and conse-
 " crating of bishops, priests, and deacons."

And every such person who shall (without some lawful impediment to be allowed and approved by the ordinary of the place) neglect or refuse to do the same within the time aforesaid (or in the case of such impediment, within one month after such impediment removed), shall ipso facto be deprived of all his said ecclesiastical benefices and promotions; and from thenceforth it shall be lawful for all patrons and donors of all and singular the said ecclesiastical benefices and promotions, according to their respective rights and titles, to present or collate to the same, as tho' the person or persons so offending or neglecting were dead. s. 6.

To read the thirty nine articles, with declaration of assent.

2. By the 13 Eliz. c. 12. Every person admitted to any benefice with cure, shall publicly read the articles of religion therein mentioned, agreed upon in convocation in the year 1562, in the parish church of that benefice, with declaration of his unfeigned assent to the same: and every person admitted to a benefice with cure, except that within two months after his induction he do publicly read the said articles, in the same church whereof he shall have cure, in the time of common prayer there, with declaration of his unfeigned assent thereunto; shall be upon every such default ipso facto immediately deprived.—Provided, that no title to confer or present by lapse, shall accrue upon any deprivation ipso facto, but after six months after notice of such deprivation given by the ordinary to the patron. s. 3, 8.

Admitted

Admitted to any benefice with cure] This is meant of such benefices as have parochial churches belonging to them; and extends not to dignities or prebends in cathedral and collegiate churches. And therefore where the case was about reading the articles, and it was not alledged in the declaration that the benefice was a benefice with cure, it was held to be ill. 1 And. 62.

The articles of religion therein mentioned] The words in the foregoing part of the act are *all the articles of religion which only concern the confession of the true christian faith and the doctrine of the sacraments, comprised in a book, intituled, Articles whereupon it was agreed by the archbishops and bishops of both provinces, and the whole clergy in convocation in the year 1562*: And as there may be some doubt whether this clause in s. 3. referring to the *said articles*, means all the 39 articles so agreed upon in convocation, or only those of them which concern the confession of the true faith and doctrine of the sacraments, it hath been thought advisable to read the whole number, with declaration of assent to the same.

Except that within two months after his induction] Computing twenty eight days to the month: For in the case of *Brown and Spence*, where the induction was Sep. 15. and the articles were read Nov. 15. this was adjudged insufficient. 1 Lev. 101.

But by the statute of the 23 G. 2. c. 28. Whereas it hath happened, and may happen, thro' sickness or other lawful impediment, that divers persons have been and may be hindered from reading the said articles and making the said declaration, within the two months; and yet such person, after such sickness, or other lawful impediment removed, hath read or may read the said articles, and hath made or shall make the said declaration; and it is reasonable that such persons should be deemed to have complied with the true intent and meaning of the said act: it is therefore enacted, that every person who hath read or shall read the said articles, and hath made or shall make the said declaration, at the same time that he did read or shall read the morning and evening prayer and declare his unfeigned assent and consent thereunto according to the statute of the 13 & 14 C. 2. c. 4. shall be and is hereby declared and adjudged to have complied with the true intent and meaning of the said act of the 13 Eliz. altho' the same were not or may not be read within the space of two months after such person's induction into any benefice with cure; and every such person shall be freed and discharged from any deprivation or other forfeiture by virtue of the said act.

In the same church whereof he shall have cure] In the aforesaid case of *Brown and Spence*, where the keys of the church could not be had, and so divine service was performed in the church porch, and the articles read there; this was held to be a sufficient reading, as *Keble* reports it; But by *Levinz*, what the court there held to be good was, the reading of them in the porch of a chapel of ease within the parish. 1 *Lev.* 101.

In the time of common prayer there] And therefore not to be put off till divine service or common prayer is ended. *Gibf.* 117.

With declaration of his unfeigned assent thereunto] In the case of *Smyth and Clerk*, the jury found, that the incumbent (who was sued in the spiritual court in order to deprivation for not giving assent to the articles) did read the articles, and then said, "I give my consent unto them, "so far forth as they agree with the word of God:" and it was adjudged, that this was not such an unfeigned assent as the statute intendeth; but that the assent ought to be absolute and without condition. For (as lord *Coke* saith) the act was made for the avoiding diversity of opinions; and by this addition the party might, by his own private opinion, take some of them to be against the word of God: and by this means diversity of opinions should not be avoided, and the act hereby made of none effect. *Gibf.* 817. 4 *Inst.* 324.

Shall be upon every such default] But in a suit for tithes, or the like, though the parishioner may plead, that the parson did not read the thirty nine articles, yet the law presumes the affirmative, and (in that case) the negative must be proved. *Gibf.* 817.

Ipso facto immediately deprived] So as the church is presently void, without any declaratory sentence; for avoidance by act of parliament needeth not any sentence declaratory, and if it did, the statute should be defrauded at the ordinary's pleasure if he would not deprive. And this is the received interpretation of the statute: although the contrary seems to be supposed in the case of *Bacon* and the bishop of *Carlisle* (which was but six years after making of the act) as it is reported by *Dyer*; inasmuch as the notice given by the bishop is there declared insufficient, for this, among other reasons, that he did not notify that he had deprived the clerk by such sentence. *Gibf.* 817. 4 *Inst.* 324.

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But after six months after notice of such deprivation given by the ordinary to the patron] In the aforesaid case of Bacon and the bishop of Carlisle, a question arose concerning the manner of giving notice. The bishop of Carlisle had signified in an instrument under seal, that Bacon had not subscribed to the articles, according to the statute; which instrument, the jury found, was publickly read in the church by the curate of the place, and afterwards affixed by the apparitor to the parsonage house. But this notice was declared insufficient, not only because no mention was made therein either of the patron, or of the deprivation by declaratory sentence; but chiefly because the notice ought to have been given to the patron immediately. And accordingly, lord Coke lays down two qualifications of the notice mentioned in this act: 1. It ought to be given by a person certain, that is, the ordinary; for if any other, of his own head, giveth notice to the patron, it is not material. 2. The notice ought to be certain and particular; and therefore it is not sufficient for the ordinary in such case, to give notice that the presentee had not read the articles and subscribed, generally; but he ought particularly to inform the patron that he had not so done, for which default he is deprived, and that thereupon it belongeth to the patron to present. *Gibf. 818. 6 Co. 29.*

3. By the 13 & 14 C. 2. c. 4. *He shall publickly and openly read the ordinary's certificate of his having subscribed the declaration of conformity to the liturgy of the church of England as it is now by law established, together with the same declaration or acknowledgment, upon some Lord's day within three months next after such subscription, in his parish church where he is to officiate, in the presence of the congregation there assembled, in the time of divine service; upon pain that every person failing therein (without some lawful impediment to be allowed and approved by the ordinary of the place, 23 G. 2. c. 28.) shall lose such parsonage, vicarage, or benefice, curate's place, or lecturer's place respectively; and shall be utterly disabled, and ipso facto deprived of the same; and the said parsonage, vicarage, or benefice, curate's place, or lecturer's place shall be void, as if he was naturally dead. s. 11.*

Declaration of conformity to the established church.

A doubt hath been raised, whether the design of the act was, that the clerk should only read the bishop's certificate to the congregation, in testimony of his having subscribed the declaration before him; or whether, after having read the certificate, he should not also make the same declaration again in form, before the congregation;

which point hath never been judicially determined: but the latter opinion is not only more safe, but hath also been thought more agreeable to the tenor of the act, than the bare reading of the certificate. *Gibf. 817.*

To keep a memorandum of the same.

4. If a parson or vicar claimeth tithes in right of the church or benefice whereof he is incumbent; he is in strictness bound to prove his institution, induction, and all things else required by law to qualify him to be incumbent of that church to which the tithes belong. But if he hath been for several years in possession, he is not ordinarily put to prove these matters, unless the defendant in his defence sheweth some reasons why these things ought to be proved and made out. But the law doth not determine, how many years the plaintiff ought to be in the possession of his benefice, to excuse him from being put to the proof of these things; but that seems to be left to the discretion of the judge who tries the cause: though it seemeth that a small number of years, as three or four quiet possession, may be sufficient. *Bohun of Tithes. 433.*

And in the case of *Woodcock and Smith, T. 1718*; it was declared by the whole court of exchequer, that altho' at law they hold a parson or vicar to the proof of his admission, institution, and induction, and reading the articles; yet they never do it in equity. *Bunb. 25.*

However, as he may be called upon to make such proof, it may be convenient that he have some intelligent persons, whom he may trust, present when he is inducted; and (if it may be) the same persons present at such time when he shall perform the other matters required by the law to be performed in his parish church; and to the end that they may be able to testify, that all things are done as they ought to be, the clergyman may desire them to read with him, or to observe as he reads the morning and evening prayer, and also the thirty nine articles; and he ought also to give them a copy of his certificate under the hand and seal of the bishop, and of the declarations which he is to read; for otherwise, if their testimony be wanted, it will be hard for them to depose, that he read a true copy thereof, and that all things were done according to law. And it is also advisable, that he make a writing to be subscribed by his witnesses, after this or the like form:

We whose names are underwritten, do hereby certify and declare, that A. B. rector of C. within the diocese of D. in the county of E. was in the presence of us inducted into his church of C. aforesaid, by F. G. rector of H. on the ——— day of ——— in this present year, by virtue of certain letters of induction

duction made under the hand and seal of I. K. archdeacon of L. within the diocese aforesaid for that purpose directed To all and every, &c. And also that the aforesaid A. B. on the ——— day of ——— in the year aforesaid, being the Lord's day, did read in his parish church aforesaid, openly, publickly, and solemnly, the morning and evening prayers appointed to be read by and according to the book intituled, "The book of common prayer, and administration of the sacraments, and other rites and ceremonies of the church, according to the usage of the church of England, together with the psalter or psalms of David, pointed as they are to be sung or said in churches, and the form or manner of making, ordaining, and consecrating of bishops, priests, and deacons," at the time thereby appointed; and after such reading thereof, did openly and publickly before the congregation there assembled, declare his unfeigned assent and consent to the use of all things therein contained and prescribed, in these words following, "I A. B. do here declare my unfeigned assent and consent to all and every thing contained and prescribed in and by the book intituled, "The book of common prayer and administration of the sacraments, and other rites and ceremonies of the church, according to the use of the church of England; together with the psalter or psalms of David, pointed as they are to be sung or said in churches; and the form or manner of making, ordaining, and consecrating of bishops, priests, and deacons;" Also that he did publickly and openly on the day and in the year aforesaid [if it is done on the same day; but if it is done on any other day, then the same must be set forth accordingly, or it may be certified separately in a separate certificate] in the parish church aforesaid, in the presence of the congregation there assembled, in the time of divine service, read a certificate under the hand and seal of the right reverend father in God R. lord bishop of C. [or as the case shall be] in these words following [inserting the very words of the certificate]; and immediately after the reading thereof, at the same time, and in the same place, the congregation aforesaid being then and there present, did read the declaration or acknowledgment contained in the said certificate, to wit, "I A. B. do declare, that I will conform to the liturgy of the church of England, as it is now by law established." And lastly, that he did on the day and in the year aforesaid, read the articles of religion, commonly called the thirty nine articles, agreed upon in convocation in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred sixty and two, in the parish church aforesaid, in the time of

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common prayer there, and did declare his unfeigned assent thereunto. And these things we promise to testify upon our oaths, if at any time we shall be lawfully thereunto required. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, this — day of — in the year of our Lord —

To take also the oaths at the sessions.

5. Finally, he shall within six months after his admission, take the oaths of allegiance, supremacy, and abjuration, in one of the courts at Westminster, or at the general quarter sessions of the peace; on pain of being incapacitated to hold the benefice, and of being disabled to sue in any action, or to be guardian, or executor, or administrator, or capable of any legacy or deed of gift, or to bear any office, or to vote at any election for members of parliament, and of forfeiting 500 l. 1 G. 2. c. 13. 9 G. 2. c. 26.

Benefit of clergy.

Benefit of clergy by the common law.

Confirmation thereof by the statute law.

1. **T**HE privilege of clergy took its root from a constitution of the pope, that no man should accuse the priests of holy church before a secular judge; which, being contrary to the crown and dignity of the king and the common law, bound not here, till it was confirmed by parliament. 2 Inst. 636.

2. Concerning which, it is enacted as follows: *When a clerk is taken for guilty of felony, and is demanded by the ordinary, he shall be delivered to him according to the privilege of holy church. And they which be indicted of such offences by solemn inquest of lawful men in the king's court, in no manner shall be delivered without due purgation.* 3 Ed. 1. c. 2.

When a clerk For the scarcity of clergy in the realm of England, to be disposed of in religious houses, or for priests, deacons, and clerks of parishes, there was a prerogative allowed to the clergy, that if any man that could read as a clerk were to be condemned to death, the bishop of the diocese might, if he would, claim him as a clerk; and he was to see him tried in the face of the court, whether he could read or not: the book was prepared and brought by the bishop, and the judge was to turn to some place as he should chuse, and if the prisoner could read, then the bishop was to have him delivered over unto him, to dispose of in some places of the clergy, as he should think

think meet: but if either the bishop would not demand him, or the prisoner could not read, then was he to be put to death. *Bacon's use of the law.* 122.

A clerk] And by a favourable interpretation of the statutes relating to the clergy, not only those actually admitted into some inferior order of the clergy, but also those who were never qualified to be admitted into orders, have been taken to have a right to this privilege as much as persons in holy orders, whether they were persons lawfully born or bastards, aliens or denizens, in the communion of the church or excommunicate, within the common benefit of the law or outlaws; so that they were not hereticks convicted, nor jews, mahometans nor pagans, nor under perpetual disability of going into orders admitting of no dispensation, as blind and maimed persons formerly were, and women still are; nor liable to the objection of bigamy (which by a constitution of the council of Lyons received in this kingdom) was a bar to the demand of the privilege of the clergy. 2 *Hawkins's pleas of the crown.* 338.

And by the 3 *W. c. 9.* where a man being convicted of any felony for which he may demand the benefit of his clergy, if a woman be convicted for a like offence, upon her prayer to have the benefit of this statute, judgment of death shall not be given against her, but she shall suffer the same punishment as a man should suffer, that has the benefit of clergy allowed. *f. 6.*

Is taken for guilty of felony] This statute, and the custom of the realm, restrained the benefit of clergy only to felony; so as they were to answer to high treason, and all offences under felony. 2 *Inst.* 636.

And is demanded by the ordinary] Yet a man might waive the privilege of his clergy if he would, and put himself upon his country. 2 *Inst.* 638.

By solemn inquest of lawful men] Before this statute, if any clerk had been arrested for the death of a man, or any other felony, and the ordinary did demand him before the secular judge, he was delivered without any inquisition to be made of the crime; but after this statute, to the end that the ordinary might have more care of purgation to be duly done according to the provision of this act, when any clerk was indicted of any felony, and refused to answer to the felony, but claimed the privilege of the clergy, and was demanded by his ordinary, yet he was not

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delivered to the ordinary before he had been first indicted and arraigned, and his offence had been inquired of and found by an inquest of office: which was done, both to the end that if the prisoner were found guilty, he might absolutely forfeit his goods (which anciently were saved by a purgation), and also that the court might be apprised, whether it were proper from the circumstances of the case, disclosed upon such an inquiry, to deliver the clerk to the ordinary *generally*, in which case he was allowed to make his purgation; or *specially, without purgation to be made*. But this practice being found inconvenient to prisoners, because they lost their goods, if found guilty by such inquiry, and yet could take no challenge to any of the jury, it being but an inquest of office, it hath been the general practice ever since the reign of *Hen. 6.* to oblige those who demand the benefit of clergy, to plead and put themselves upon their trial, under pain of being dealt with as those that stand mute, whereby they forfeit their goods without any inquiry concerning their crime. *2 Inst. 164. 2 Haw. 358.*

In no manner shall be delivered without due purgation] When a person was delivered to the ordinary, he was to remain in the ordinary's prison: if committed generally, then he might make his purgation; which was a trial before the ordinary by a jury of twelve clerks, wherein if he was acquit, he was discharged, if found guilty, he was degraded, and delivered over to the secular power. And when he had made his purgation, he had always restitution of his lands seized, unless he were attaint. And as touching his goods, the difference was thus; If before conviction, upon his arraignment, the prisoner had his clergy (as was used commonly before the time of *Hen 6.*) then if he made his purgation, he had restitution of his goods, unless he had fled: But if he had pleaded to inquest, and were convicted, then the goods were forfeited by the conviction, and he should not have restitution upon his purgation. *2 Hale's Hist. Pl. Cr. 314. 2 Inst. 638. 23 H. 8. c. 1. f. 5, 6.*

But if the clerk were delivered to the ordinary *without purgation to be made*, there he continued prisoner during his life, unless pardoned by the king; and the king had not only his goods as absolutely forfeited, but also the profits of his lands during his life. *2 H. H. 384.*

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Without due purgation] Lord Coke says, before this statute, purgations were unduly made, more for favour, than for furtherance of justice; whereby malefactors were encouraged to offend: And the evil was not remedied by this act, but the abuses in making purgation still continued, and in the end became so intolerable, that queen Elizabeth by consent of parliament took it quite away. 2 *Inst.* 165.

3. Again; the benefit of clergy is further confirmed, by the statute of the 25 *Ed. 3. st. 3. c. 4.* by which it is enacted, that *all manner of clerks, which shall be convicted before the secular judges, for any treasons or felonies, touching other persons than the king himself, shall freely have and enjoy the privilege of holy church.* How far, and in what respects, clergy is allowed by the statute; law.

In all cases of high treason, clergy was never allowed in this kingdom. 2 *H. H.* 330.

But by the common law, in all cases of felony or petit treason clergy was allowable, excepting two, viz. 1. *Insidiatores viarum et depopulatores agrorum.* 2. Wilful burning of houses. And the cause why these were excepted was, because by interpretation of law they are hostile acts. And therefore sometimes these words, *insidiatores viarum et depopulatores agrorum*, were put in the indictments of clerks, on purpose to oust them of the benefit of clergy; which caused the act of the 4 *H. 4. c. 2.* to be made, to put these clauses out of indictments, and to allow clergy if they were in them. 2 *H. H.* 328, 330, 333.

And by this statute clergy is allowed in all treasons or felonies (except treasons against the king); so that after this statute there was clergy in all other felonies. *Hal. Pl.* 230.

Consequently, wheresoever clergy is not allowable in any other cases, it is taken away by some subsequent act of parliament. *Hal. Pl.* 230.

Consequently, where a statute makes a new felony, clergy is incident thereunto, unless it be specially taken away by such statute; but where it makes a new treason, there is no clergy. 2 *H. H.* 330.

And if it doth make a new felony, and takes away clergy not generally, but in such or such cases; regularly in other cases clergy is allowable: as if it take away clergy in case the party be convicted by verdict, yet he shall have his clergy if he stand mute. 2 *H. H.* 335.

But if it enacts generally, that it shall be felony without benefit of clergy; or that he shall suffer as in case of felony

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felony without benefit of clergy; this excludes it in all circumstances, and to all intents. 2 H. H. 335.

And where a statute ousteth clergy in case of felony, it is only so far ousted, and only in such cases, and to such persons, as are expressly comprised within such statutes; for in favour of life, and of the privilege of the clergy, such statutes are construed literally and strictly. 2 H. H. 335.

And therefore if clergy be ousted as to the principal, it is not ousted as to the accessory; if as to the accessory before, it is not extended to the accessory after; if where the prisoner is convicted by verdict, it holds not as to a conviction by confession, nor as to an attainder by outlawry, nor to a standing mute. 2 H. H. 335.

And in all those cases wherein it is taken away, the indictment of such felony must bring the case within the particular provision of those statutes, which in such cases take away clergy; otherwise it is to be allowed, tho' upon the evidence it may fall out, that the truth of the fact appears to be such, as is within the special provision of those statutes that so take away clergy. 1 H. H. 517.

Clergy may be allowed, though not prayed.

4. If the offence be within clergy, tho' in strictness of law the prisoner ought to pray it, yet it is the duty of the judge to allow it, though not prayed; and that, as well after judgment as before. 2 H. H. 321.

Burning in the hand,

5. Every person not being within orders, which once hath been admitted to the benefit of his clergy, escheons arraigned of any such offence, shall not be admitted to have the benefit of the clergy. And every person so convicted for murder, to be marked with an M upon the braun of the left thumb, and for any other felony with a T, by the gaoler openly in court before the judge, before that such person be delivered to the ordinary. And if any person at a second time of asking his clergy because he is within orders, hath not there ready his letters of orders, or a certificate of his ordinary witnessing the same; the justices before whom he is arraigned shall give him a day to bring in the same, which if he shall not do, he shall lose the benefit of his clergy as he shall do that is without orders. 4 H. 7. c. 13.

But the king may pardon the burning in the hand, as well in an appeal, as upon an indictment. 3 Inst. 114.

And a clerk in holy orders shall not be burnt in the hand. 2 Inst. 637. 2 H. H. 389.

And he may have his clergy, in cases within clergy, a second time or oftener. 2 H. H. 389.

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6. No man shall be ousted of his clergy a second time by the bare mark in his hand, or by a parol averment, without the record testifying it, or a transcript thereof according to the following statutes. 2 H. H. 373.

Conviction for the second offence.

By the 34 & 35 H. 8. c. 14. the clerk of the crown, clerks of the peace, and clerks of assize for the time being, where any attainder, outlawry, or conviction of felony shall be had, shall within forty days if the term be then, if not, then within twenty days after the beginning of the term next following the said forty days, certify a transcript briefly and in a few words, containing the tenor and effect thereof, into the king's bench, there to remain for ever of record. And the clerk of the crown in the king's bench shall, at all such times as the justices of gaol delivery or justices of the peace in every county do write unto him for the names of such persons, certify to them without delay the names and surnames of the said persons, with the causes wherefore they were convicted or attainted. But this not to extend to require certificates out of Wales, nor the counties of Chester, Lancaster, or Durham.

And by the 3 W. c. 9. s. 7. Forasmuch as men who have once had their clergy, and women who have once had the benefit of the statute, may happen to be indicted for an offence committed afterwards in some other county; the clerk of the crown, clerk of the peace, or clerk of the assizes, where such person shall be convicted, shall at the request of the prosecutor or any other in the king's behalf, certify a transcript briefly and in few words, containing the effect and tenor of the indictment and conviction, of their having the benefit of the clergy or of the statute, and their additions, and the certainty of the felony and conviction, to the judges and justices in such other county; which certificate being produced in court, shall be a sufficient proof of their having had the benefit of the clergy or of the statute.

And it seems that if the prisoner deny that he is the same person, issue must be joined upon it, and it must be tried that he is the same person, before he can be ousted of clergy. 2. H. H. 373.

7. By the 18 Eliz. c. 7. persons admitted to their clergy, shall not be delivered to the ordinary, but after clergy allowed, and burning in the hand, shall forthwith be enlarged and delivered out of prison; or may by the judge be detained further in prison, not exceeding one year.

Offender how to be demeaned after clergy allowed.

And by the 5 An. c. 6. offenders burnt in the hand shall, at the discretion of the judge, be committed to the house of correction or publick workhouse, not less than six months nor exceeding two years, to be kept to hard labour.

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And by the 4 G. c. 11. *Persons convicted of offences within the benefit of clergy (except persons convicted for buying or receiving stolen goods) instead of being burnt in the hand or whipt, may be transported for seven years.*

Forfeiture on clergy allowed.

8. By the conviction, a person having had his clergy forfeiteth all his goods that he had at the time of the conviction, notwithstanding his burning in the hand. 2. *H. H. 388.*

Yet by burning in the hand he is put into a capacity of purchasing and retaining other goods. *H. H. 389.*

And presently upon his burning in the hand, he ought to be restored to the possession of his lands, and from thenceforth to enjoy the profits thereof. 2 *H. H. 389.*

And altho' he be not burnt in the hand, but the king pardons it, he is thereby put into the same condition as if he were burnt in the hand, and rendered a person now capable to purchase and retain goods. 2 *H. H. 389.*

Not to be punished also in the spiritual court.

9. And consequently, after clergy and burning in the hand, he shall not be proceeded against by the ecclesiastical judge; for it amounts to a pardon by the king. 2 *H. H. 389.*

And altho' a clergyman in orders shall not be burnt in the hand, yet after his discharge he shall have the same privilege as if he had been burnt in the hand; and therefore shall not be drawn in question in the ecclesiastical court, to deprive him, or inflict any ecclesiastical censure upon him. 2 *H. H. 389.*

Restored to his parish.

10. And it seemeth, that it restores the party to his credit; and consequently enables him to be a good witness. 2 *Haw. 364.*

And it is holden, that after a man is admitted to his clergy, it is actionable to call him felon; because his offence being pardoned by the statute, all the infamy and other consequences of it are discharged. 2 *Haw. 365.*

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Bigamy.

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BIGAMI are they who have married two wives or more successively, or one widow. 2 *Inst.* 273. *Gibf.* 423.

4 *Ed.* 1. *ft.* c. 5. Concerning men twice married, called bigami, whom the bishop of Rome by a constitution made at the council of Lions hath excluded from all clerks privilege, whereupon certain prelates (when such persons have been attainted for felony) have prayed for to have them delivered as clerks, which were made bigami before the same constitution; it is agreed and declared before the king and his council, that the same constitution shall be understood in this wise, that whether they were bigami before the same constitution or after, they shall not be delivered to the prelates, but justice shall be executed upon them, as upon other lay people.

18 *Ed.* 3. *ft.* 3. c. 2. If any clerk be arraigned before our justices at our suit, or at the suit of the party, and the clerk holdeth him to his clergy, alledging that he ought not before them thereupon to answer; and if any man for us or for the same party will suggest, that he hath married two wives or one widow, that upon the same the justices shall not have the cognizance or power to try the bigamy by inquest or in other manner; but it shall be sent to the spiritual court, as hath been done in times past in case of bastardy. And till the certificate be made by the ordinary, the party in whom the bigamy is alledged shall abide in prison if he be not mainpernable.

1 *Ed.* 6. c. 12. s. 16. Every person who by any statute or law of this realm ought to have the benefit of clergy, shall be allowed the same altho' he hath been divers times married to any single woman or single women, or to any widow or widows, or to two wives or more.

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I. Of archbishops and bishops in general.

Age of persons to be made bishops.

1. By the preface to the form and manner of making ordaining and consecrating of bishops priests and deacons (confirmed by act of parliament, 3 & 4 Ed. 6. c. 10. 5 & 6 Ed. 6. c. 1. 8 El. c. 1. 13 & 14 C. 2. c. 4.) every man which is to be ordained or consecrated bishop, shall be full thirty years of age.

Bishop, what.

2. Bishop is from the saxon *biscop*, and that from the greek *ἐπισκοπος*, an overseer or superintendant; so called from that watchfulness, care, charge and faithfulness, which by his place and dignity he hath and oweth to the church. *God. 22.*

Archbishop.

3. An archbishop is the chief bishop of the province, who next and immediately under the king, hath supreme power authority and jurisdiction in all causes and things ecclesiastical. *God. 12.*

At first, the title of *archbishop* seemeth to have been only a name of honour; whence in some countries, especially in Italy, several are distinguished with that title, who indeed take place of, but have no power or authority over, other bishops. *Bower's Hist. Pop. V. I. p. 110.*

Metropolitan, was a title given to the bishop of the chief city of a province. *Id.*

As was likewise that of *primate*; he being *primus*, or the first of the province: for such was the original signification of that word in an ecclesiastical sense; but in process of time, the title of *primate* was restrained to the bishops of some great cities. *Id.*

A *patriarch* was the chief bishop over several kingdoms or provinces, as an archbishop is of several dioceses. *God. 20.*

4. The ancient Britons are believed to have had at least one archiepiscopal see before the times of *Austin* the monk, viz. at *Caerleon*, or (as some would have it) at *Landaffe*, *Johns.* 35. *God.* 17. Constitution of the state ecclesiastical.

And upon the pope's granting unto *Austin* a power to erect a metropolitical see at *York* (with subordination nevertheless to himself as primate), *Dr. Warner* observeth, that the reason of this preference with regard to *York* was, because formerly under the Romans *York* had been an archbishoprick, as well as *London* and *Caerleon*. *Warn. Eccl. Hist.* 50.

But at this day, the ecclesiastical state of England and Wales is divided only into two provinces or archbishopricks, to wit, *Canterbury* and *York*. Each archbishop hath within his province bishops of several dioceses. The archbishop of *Canterbury* hath under him within his province, of ancient foundations, *Rocheſter*, *London*, *Wincheſter*, *Norwich*, *Lincoln*, *Ely*, *Chicheſter*, *Salisbury*, *Exeter*, *Bath* and *Wells*, *Worceſter*, *Coventry* and *Litchfield*, *Hereford*, *Landaffe*, *St. David's*, *Bangor*, and *St. Aſaph*; and four founded by king *Hen.* 8. erected out of the ruins of diſſolved monaſteries, viz. *Glouceſter*, *Briſtol*, *Peterborough* and *Oxford*. The archbishop of *York* hath under him four, viz. the bishop of the county palatine of *Cheſter*, newly erected by king *Hen.* 8. and annexed by him to the archbishoprick of *York*; the county palatine of *Durham*; *Carlisle*; and the iſle of *Man*, annexed to the province of *York*, by king *Hen.* 8. But a greater number this archbishop anciently had, which time hath taken from him. *1 Inſt.* 94.

Every diocese is divided into archdeaconries, whereof there be fixty; and every archdeaconry is parted into deanries; and deanries again into parishes, towns, and hamlets. *1 Inſt.* 94.

But this division into parishes seemeth not to have been made all at once, but by degrees, as churches from time to time were built and endowed by lords of manors and others, for the use of their tenants or other inhabitants within such a district; and this seemeth to be the reason why there are some places at this day which are not in any parish, but are extraparochial.

Every bishop, many centuries after Christ, was universal incumbent of his diocese, received all the profits, which were but offerings of devotion, out of which he paid the salaries of such as officiated under him, as deacons and curates in places appointed. *God.* 23.

Afterwards,

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Canterbury.

Afterwards, when churches became founded and endowed, he sent out his clergy to reside, and to officiate in those churches; reserving nevertheless to himself a certain number in his cathedral to counsel and assist him, which are now called deans and prebendaries or canons,

5. Canterbury was once the royal city of the kings of Kent; and was given by king Ethelbert, on his conversion to christianity, to Austin the first archbishop thereof, about the year of our Lord 598. *God. 13, 17.*

If we consider Canterbury as the seat of the metropolitan, it hath under it twenty one bishops (as hath been said); but if we consider it as the seat of a diocesan, so it comprehends only some part of Kent (the residue being in the diocese of Rochester), together with some other parishes dispersedly situate in several dioceses; it being an ancient privilege of this see, that the places where the archbishop hath any manors or advowsons, are thereby exempted from the ordinary, and are become peculiars of the diocese of Canterbury, properly belonging to the jurisdiction of the archbishop of Canterbury. *God. 14.*

The archbishop of Canterbury is styled primate and metropolitan of *all* England, albeit there is another archiepiscopal province within the realm; partly, because when the popes had taken into their own hands, in a great measure, the archiepiscopal authority, they invested the archbishops of Canterbury with a legatine authority throughout both the provinces; and partly, because the archbishop of Canterbury hath still the power, which the popes in times past usurped, and which by act of parliament was again taken from the popes, of granting faculties and dispensations in both the provinces alike.

Yea further, the archbishop of Canterbury anciently had primacy not only over all England but over Ireland also, and from him the Irish bishops received their consecration; for Ireland had no other archbishop till the year 1152. For which reason it was declared in the time of the two first Norman kings, that Canterbury was the metropolitan church of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and of the isles adjacent; the archbishop of Canterbury was therefore sometimes stiled a *patriarch*, and *orbis britannici pontifex*; insomuch that matters recorded in ecclesiastical affairs did run thus, viz. *anno pontificatus nostri primo, secundo, &c.* *God. 20.*

At general councils abroad, the archbishop of Canterbury had the precedence of all other archbishops. *God. 21.*

At

At home, he hath the privilege to crown the kings of England, *God. 13.*

He is said to be *introned*, when he is vested in the archbishoprick; whereas bishops are said to be *installed*. *God. 21.*

He hath prelates to be his officers: thus, the bishop of London is his provincial dean; the bishop of Winchester, his chancellor; the bishop of Lincoln anciently was his vice-chancellor; the bishop of Salisbury, his precentor; the bishop of Worcester, his chaplain; and the bishop of Rochester (when time was) carried the cross before him. *God. 14.*

He may retain and qualify eight chaplains; which is more by two, than any duke is allowed to do by statute. *God. 14.*

In speaking and writing to him is given the title of *grace, and most reverend father in God.* *Chamb. Pr. St. 63.*

He writes himself *by divine providence*; whereas bishops only use *by divine permission.* *God. 13.*

6. The first archbishop of York that we read of, was Paulinus, who by pope Gregory's appointment was made archbishop there, about the year of our Lord 622. *God. 12.*

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York.

The province of York anciently claimed and had a metropolitan jurisdiction over all the bishops of Scotland, whence they had their consecration, and to which they swore canonical obedience, until about the year 1466, when George Nevil being at that time archbishop of York, the bishops of Scotland withdrew themselves from their obedience to him; and in the year 1470, pope Sixtus the fourth created the bishop of St. Andrews archbishop and metropolitan of all Scotland. *God. 14, 18.*

The archbishop of York hath the privilege to crown the queen consort: and to be her perpetual chaplain. *Chamb. 65.*

He also, in like manner as the archbishop of Canterbury, is said to be *introned*, when he is vested in the archbishoprick. *God. 21.*

And he may retain and qualify eight chaplains; whereas a bishop can only qualify six. *God. 21.*

He also hath the title of *grace and most reverend father in God*; whereas bishops have the title of *lord, and right reverend father in God.* *Chamb. 65.*

And he writes himself *by divine providence.* *God. 13.*

Their precedence
in the state.

7. The archbishop of Canterbury is the first peer of the realm, and hath precedency, not only before all the other clergy, but also (next and immediately after the blood royal) before all the nobility of the realm; and as he hath the precedency of all the nobility, so also of all the great officers of state. *God. 13.*

The archbishop of York hath the precedency over all dukes, not being of the blood royal; as also before all the great officers of state, except the lord chancellor. *God. 14.*

And every other bishop, in respect of his barony, hath place of all the barons of the realm, under the degree of viscount. *God. 13.*

Their precedence
one amongst ano-
ther.

8. The archbishop of Canterbury hath the precedency of all the other clergy; next to him the archbishop of York; next to him the bishop of London; next to him the bishop of Durham; next to him the bishop of Winchester; and then all the other bishops of both provinces after the seniority of their consecration; but if any of them be a privy counsellor, he shall take place next after the bishop of Durham. *1 Inst. 94. 1 Ought. 486.*

Petty treason for
a clerk to kill his
prelate.

9. By the 25 *Ed. 3. st. 5. c. 2.* it is thus enacted: *Moreover, there is another manner of treason, where a man secular or religious slayeth his prelate, to whom he oweth faith and obedience.*

Another manner of treason] The first part of this statute is concerning high treason; so called in respect of the royal majesty against whom it is committed. And the sort of treason spoken of in this clause, is called petit treason, in regard it is committed only against subjects. *3 Inst. 20.*

Slayeth his prelate] And this was petit treason at the common law. *3 Inst. 20.*

To whom he oweth faith and obedience] Petit treason doth presuppose a trust and obedience in the offender of one kind or another. *3 Inst. 20.*

II. Form and manner of making and consecrating archbishops and bishops.

Bishopricks at
first elective by
the clergy and
the people.

1. When cities were at first converted to christianity, the bishops were elected by the clergy and people: for it was then thought convenient, that the laity, as well as the clergy, should be considered in the election of their

bishops,

bishops, and should concur in the election; that he, who was to have the inspection of them all, might come in by a general consent. *Ayl. Par.* 126.

2. But as the number of christians increased, this was found to be inconvenient; for tumults were raised, and sometimes murders committed, at such popular elections; and particularly, at one time, no less than 300 persons were killed at such an election. *Id.*

To prevent the like disorders, the emperors being then christians, reserved the election of bishops to themselves; but in some measure conformable to the old way, that is to say, upon a bishop's death, the chapter sent a *ring* and *pastoral staff* to the emperor, which he delivered to the person whom he appointed to be bishop of that place. *Id.*

But the pope, or bishop of Rome, who in process of time got to be the head of the church, was not pleased that the bishops should have any dependance upon princes; and therefore brought it about, that the canons in cathedral churches should have the election of their bishops; which elections were usually confirmed at Rome. *Id.*

But princes had still some power in those elections. And particularly in *England*, we read, that in the Saxon times, all ecclesiastical dignities were conferred by the king in parliament. Ingulphus, abbot of Crowland, in the time of William the conqueror, tells us, that for many years past there had been no canonical election of prelates, for that they were donative by delivery of the ring and pastoral staff; the one signifying, that the bishop was wedded to the church; and the other was an ensign of honour, always carried before him, and was a token of that support which he ought to contribute to the church, or rather that he was now become a shepherd of Christ's flock. *Id.*

Lord Coke establisheth the right of donation in the kings of this realm, upon the principle of foundation and property: for that all the bishopricks in England were of the king's foundation, and thereupon accrued to him the right of patronage. *1 Inst.* 134, 344.

So also the bishopricks in *Wales*, were founded by the princes of Wales; and the principality of Wales was holden of the king of England as of his crown; and when the principality of Wales for treason and rebellion was forfeited, the patronages of the bishopricks there became annexed to the crown of England. *1 Inst.* 97.

And in *Ireland*, the bishopricks are still donative by letters patent at this day. *1 Salt.* 136.

The proprietor of the isle of *Man*, is patron of the bishoprick there; but the archbishop of York doth not consecrate him, till the broad seal of the king's consent be produced. *Johns.* 29.

Next elective by the deans and chapters, subject to the pope's confirmation.

3. Hildebrand, who was pope in the reign of king William the conqueror, was the first that opposed this way of making bishops here; and for that purpose he called a council of 110 bishops, and excommunicated not only the emperor Hen. 4. but also all prelates whatsoever that received investiture at the hands of the emperor or of any layman by delivery of the ring and staff. *Ayl. Parerg.* 126.

But notwithstanding that excommunication, *Lanfrank* was made archbishop of Canterbury at the same time, and by the same means, according to Malmesbury; but the Saxon annals in Bennet college library are, that he was chosen by the senior monks of that church, together with the laity and clergy of England, in the king's great council, *Id.*

Howbeit, *Anselm* did not scruple to accept the archbishoprick by delivery of the ring and staff, at the hands of William Rufus; tho' never chosen by the monks of Canterbury. And this was the man, who afterwards contested this matter with king Hen. 1. in a most extraordinary manner. For that king being forbidden by the pope to dispose of bishopricks as his predecessors had done by delivery of the ring and staff, and he not regarding that prohibition, but insisting on his prerogative, the archbishop refused to consecrate those bishops whom the king had appointed. At which the king was so much incensed, that he commanded the archbishop to obey the ancient customs of the kings his predecessors, under pain of being banished the kingdom. This contest grew so high, that the pope sent two bishops to acquaint the king, that he would connive at this matter, so long as he acted the part a good prince in other things. Whereupon the king commanded the archbishop to do homage, and to consecrate those bishops whom the king had made; but this being only a feigned message, to keep fair with the king, and the archbishop having received a private letter to the contrary, the archbishop still disobeyed the king. And at length the king was forced to yield up the point, reserving only the ceremony of homage to himself from the bishops, in respect of the temporalities. *Id.*

And king John afterwards, after several contests, by his charter, acknowledging the custom and right of the

crown in former times, yet granted by common consent of the barons, that the bishops should be eligible by the chapter; which after was confirmed by divers acts of parliament. Which election by the chapter was to be a free election, but founded withal upon the king's conge d'essire; and afterwards to have the royal assent; and the new-elected bishop was not to have his temporalities restored, until he had sworn allegiance to the king; but it was agreed, that confirmation and consecration should be in the power of the pope; by which means he gained in effect the disposal of all the bishopricks in England. 1 Inst. 134. Gibs. 104. 3 Salk. 71.

But neither was he content with this power only of confirmation and consecration, but would oftentimes colate to the bishopricks himself: whereupon by the statute of the 25 Ed. 3. *§*. 6. it was enacted as followeth; viz. *The free elections of archbishops bishops and all other dignities and benefices elective in England, shall hold from henceforth in the manner as they were granted by the king's progenitors, and the ancestors of other lords, founders of the said dignities and other benefices. And in case that reservation collation or provision be made by the court of Rome, of any archbishoprick bishoprick dignity or other benefice, in disturbance of the free elections aforesaid; the king shall have for that time the collations to the archbishopricks and other dignities elective which be of his advowry; such as his progenitors had before that free election was granted: since that the election was first granted by the king's progenitors upon a certain form and condition, as to demand license of the king to chuse, and after the election to have his royal assent, and not in other manner; which conditions not kept, the thing ought by reason to resort to its first nature.* f. 3.

4. Afterwards, by the 25 H. 8. c. 20. all papal jurisdiction whatsoever in this matter was intirely taken away; by which it is enacted, that no person shall be presented and nominated to the bishop of Rome, otherwise called the pope, or to the see of Rome, for the office of an archbishop or bishop; but the same shall utterly cease, and be no longer used within this realm. f. 3.

Then elective by the deans and chapters (without the pope); by the king's sole nomination.

And the manner and order as well of the election of archbishops and bishops, as of the confirmation of the election, and consecration, is clearly enacted and expressed by that statute.

5. Afterwards, by the statute of the 1 Ed. 6. c. 2. all bishopricks were made donative again, as formerly they had been; by which it was enacted as followeth: *Forasmuch*

Then donative by the king alone, without election.

much as the elections of archbishops and bishops by the deans and chapters, be as well to the long delay as to the great cost and charges of such persons as the king giveth any archbishoprick or bishoprick unto; and whereas the said elections be in very deed no elections, but only by a writ of *conge d'eslire* have colours shadows or pretences of elections, serving nevertheless to no purpose, and seeming also derogatory and prejudicial to the king's prerogative royal, to whom only appertaineth the collation and gift of all archbishopricks and bishopricks and suffragan bishops within his dominions; it is enacted, that from henceforth no *conge d'eslire* be granted, nor election by the dean and chapter be made, but that the king by his letters patents may collate.

And it hath been supposed by some, that the principal intent of this act was, to make deans and chapters less necessary; and thereby to prepare the way for a dissolution of them. *Gibf. 113.*

Finally, elective again by the dean and chapter, under the king's nomination.

Notice of the avoidance.

Leave to elect.

Nomination of the person to be elected.

Election.

Consent of the person elected.

6. But this statute was afterwards repealed, and the matter was brought back again, and still resteth upon the statute of the 25 H. 8. c. 20. (as hereafter followeth). 12 Co. 8.

7. When a bishop dies or is translated, the dean and chapter certify the king thereof in chancery, and pray leave of the king to make election. *God. 29.*

8. Upon which, it is enacted by the 25 H. 8. c. 20. that at every avoidance of any archbishoprick or bishoprick, the king may grant to the dean and chapter a licence under the great seal, as of old time hath been accustomed, to proceed to election of an archbishop or bishop. f. 4.

Which licence is called in french *conge d'eslire*, that is, leave to chuse. *Terms de la ley.*

9. And with the licence, a letter missive; containing the name of the person which they shall elect and chuse. 25 H. 8. c. 20. f. 4.

10. By virtue of which licence, the dean and chapter shall with all speed in due form elect and chuse the said person named in the letters missive, and none other. 25 H. 8. c. 20. f. 4.

And if they delay their election above twelve days next after such licence or letters missive to them delivered; the king shall nominate and present, by letters patents under the great seal, such person as he shall think convenient, to be invested and consecrated in like manner as if he had been elected by the dean and chapter. f. 4, 5.

11. After election, then there must be the consent of the person elected; in order to which, the proctor, constituted by the dean and chapter, exhibits to him the instrument of election, and prayeth his assent to the same; which

which assent is to be given by an instrument in form, in the presence of a notary publick. *Gibf. 110.*

12. And if the said dean and chapter do elect within twelve days as aforesaid, then they shall make certification thereof to the king under their common seal; after which certification, the person so elected shall be reputed and taken by the name of lord elected of the said dignity and office that he shall be elected to. 25 H. 8. c. 20. f. 5. Notification of the election.

And if the dean and chapter, after such licence shall be delivered to them, proceed not to election and signify the same according to the tenor of this act, within twenty days next after such licence comes to their hands; or if any of them admit or do any other thing contrary to this act; then every such dean and particular person of the chapter so offending, and every of their aiders counsellors and abettors, shall incur a præmunire. f. 7.

13. And then making such oath and fealty only to the king as shall be appointed for the same, the king by letters patents under his great seal shall signify the said election, if it be to the dignity of a bishop, then to the archbishop of the province, if the see of the said archbishop is full and not void; and if it be void, then to any other archbishop within this realm or in any other the king's dominions, requiring and commanding him to confirm the said election, and to invest and consecrate the person so elected to the office and dignity that he is elected unto, and to give and use to him all such benedictions ceremonies and other things requisite for the same, without suing to the see of Rome in that behalf: And if the person be elected to the dignity of an archbishop, then the king shall so signify the said election to one archbishop and two other bishops, or else to four bishops within this realm or in any other the king's dominions, requiring and commanding them with all speed and celerity, to confirm the said election, and to invest and consecrate the said person so elected to the office and dignity that he is elected unto, and to give and use to him such pall benedictions ceremonies and all other things requisite to the same, without suing to the see of Rome in that behalf. 25 H. 8. c. 20. f. 5. Mandate for confirmation.

Such oath and fealty only to the king] Instead of this, before the reformation, an oath was taken to the pope and see of Rome; in these words, "I John, bishop of P. from this hour forward shall be faithful and obedient to St. Peter, and to the holy church of Rome, and to my lord the pope and his successors canonically entring. I shall not be of counsel nor consent, that they shall lose either life or member, or shall be taken, or suffer any violence or any wrong by any means. Their

“ counsel to me credited by them, their messengers or
 “ letters, I shall not willingly discover to any person.
 “ The papacy of Rome, the rules of the holy fathers,
 “ and the regality of St. Peter, I shall help and maintain
 “ and defend against all men. The legate of the see
 “ apostolick, going and coming, I shall honourably en-
 “ treat. The rights, honours, privileges, and authori-
 “ ties of the church of Rome, and of the pope and his
 “ successors, I shall cause to be conserved, defended, aug-
 “ mented and promoted. I shall not be in council, treaty,
 “ or any act in the which any thing shall be imagined
 “ against him or the church of Rome, their rights, seats,
 “ honours, or powers. And if I know any such to be
 “ moved or compassed, I shall resist it to my power, and
 “ as soon as I can, I shall advertise him, or such as may
 “ give him knowledge. The rules of the holy fathers,
 “ the decrees, ordinances, sentences, dispositions, refer-
 “ vations, provisions, and commandments apostolick, to
 “ my power I shall keep, and cause to be kept of others.
 “ Hereticks, schismaticks and rebels to our holy father
 “ and his successors, I shall resist and persecute to my
 “ power. I shall come to the synod when I am called,
 “ except I be letted by a canonical impediment. The
 “ thresholds of the apostles I shall visit yearly personally,
 “ or by my deputy. I shall not alienate or sell my pos-
 “ sessions without the pope’s counsel. So God help me
 “ and the holy evangelists.” *1 Burnet’s Hist. Reform.*
 123.

It is true an oath was also taken to the king, which
 had a shew of qualifying the oath to the pope; beginning
 thus, “ I John, bishop of P. utterly renounce and clearly
 “ forsake all such clauses, words, sentences, and grants,
 “ which I have or shall have hereafter of the pope’s
 “ holiness, of or for the bishoprick of P. that in any
 “ wise hath been, is, or hereafter may be, hurtful or
 “ prejudicial to your highness, your heirs, successors,
 “ dignity, privilege, or estate royal.” (And the rest is an
 oath of obedience to the king in temporal matters.) *1*
Burnet’s Hist. Reform. 124.

And the inconsistency of these two engagements seems
 to be what Wm. Rufus declared in his time, in the case
 of archbishop Anselm; that he could not possibly observe
 at the same time both the fidelity which he owed to him,
 and his obedience to the apostolick see. *Gibbs.* 117.

Four bishops] That is, four at the least. *Gibbs.* 111.

Pall]

Pall] So that the form of consecrating according to the Roman pontifical (tho' without bulls from Rome) seems to have continued after the making of this act, viz. all Henry the eighth's reign, and till the establishment of the new form in the third year of Ed. 6. *Gibf.* 110.

14. The method and order of confirmation will be best understood by a brief account of the several instruments exhibited and applied in the course of it: Confirmation.

(1) The king's letters patents: by which the royal assent to the election is signified, and the archbishop required to proceed to confirmation.

(2) A citation against opposers; which (the time of confirmation being first fixed) is published and set up, by order and in the name of the archbishop, at the church where it is to be held; as well to notify the day of confirmation, as to cite all opposers (if any there be) who will object against the said election, or the person elected, to appear on that day: according to the direction of the ancient canon law.

(3) The certificate or return made by the proper officer to the archbishop, of the due execution of the said citation.

(4) The commission to confirm; which is usually performed by the archbishop's vicar general.

(5) The proxy of the dean and chapter; by which one or more persons are delegated by the dean and chapter electing, not only to present in their names the instrument of election to the bishop elected to obtain his consent, and to present the letters certificatory of election to the king and to pray the royal assent in order to confirmation; but also at the time of confirmation (the said letters patents and commission to exhibit such his proxy being first read), in virtue thereof to present the bishop elected to the archbishop, vicar general, or surrogate; and in the course of the confirmation, to do whatever else is necessary to be done on the part of the dean and chapter.

(6) The first schedule: The said proctor in the name of the dean and chapter, exhibiting the citation and return abovementioned, prays that the opposers (if any be) not appearing, may be pronounced contumacious, and precluded from further opposition, and that the confirmation may be proceeded in; which is accordingly done by this schedule.

(7) A summary petition: This is the petition of the said proctor, that the bishop elect may be confirmed, upon his

his alledging and proving the regularity of the election, and the merits of the person elected: which he doth in nine articles; setting forth, First, that the see was vacant, and had been vacant for some time. Secondly, that the dean and chapter, having first desired and obtained the royal licence, appointed a day for election, and duly summoned all persons concerned. Thirdly, that on that day, they unanimously chose the person now to be confirmed. Fourthly, that the election was duly published and declared to the clergy and people there assembled. Fifthly, that at the request of the dean and chapter, the person so elected gave his consent to the election. Sixthly, that the person elected is sufficiently qualified by age, knowledge, learning, orders, sobriety, condition, fidelity to the king, and piety. Seventhly, that the dean and chapter, under their seal, intimated the election, and the name of the person elected to the king. Eighthly, that the king had given the royal assent. Ninthly, that he had, by his letters patents, required the person elected to be confirmed.

All which articles conclude with a petition, that in pursuance of the premisses, confirmation may be decreed.

Then the summary petition is admitted, and the court decrees to proceed thereupon, and assign him a term immediate, to prove the particular matters contained in the petition; for proof of which he exhibits the process of the election made by the dean and chapter, the consent of the archbishop or bishop, and the royal assent; and then prays a time to be presently assigned for final sentence; which is decreed accordingly.

(8) The second schedule: Before sentence, a second præconization of the opposers (if any be) is made at the fore-door of the church, and (none appearing) they are declared contumacious, by a second schedule.

But if any appear, it seemeth that they shall be admitted to make their exceptions in due form of law. To which purpose, a passage in Collier's ecclesiastical history, Vol. 2. page 745. is applicable. "Soon after the recess of the parliament, bishop Laud was translated from Bath and Wells to London, and Mountague promoted to the see of Chichester. Before he was consecrated, an unexpected rub was thrown in the way. At the confirmation of bishops there is publick notice given, that if any persons can object either against the party elected, or the legality of the election, they are to appear and offer their exceptions at the day prefixed. This intimation being given,

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one Jones, a bookseller, attended with the mob, appearing at the confirmation, excepted against Mountague, as a person unqualified for the episcopal dignity. And to be somewhat particular, he charged him with popery, arminianism, and other heterodoxies, for which his books had been censured in the former parliament. But Dr Rives, who then officiated for Brent the vicar general, disappointed this challenge. For Jones had made some material omissions in the *manner*, and not offered his objections in form of law. Particularly, the exceptions were neither given in writing, nor signed by an advocate, nor presented by any proctor of the court. Upon the failure of these circumstances, the confirmation went on." The parliament, not at first apprized in point of form, were dissatisfied with the conduct of the vicar general, and inquired into the behaviour of Dr Rives on that occasion.—Upon which it hath been observed, That Dr Rives, a most eminent civilian and canonist, admitted that the opposition was good and valid, had it been legally offered; And that the parliament of that time proceeded upon the same opinion.

(9) The oaths: These are four in number; two (*viz.* the oaths of allegiance and supremacy), in conformity to the statutes of the realm; and two others (*viz.* the oath of simony and of obedience to the archbishop), in conformity to the rules and canons of the church.

(10) The definitive sentence, or the act of confirmation; by which the judge committeth to the bishop elected, the care governance and administration of the spiritualties; and then decrees him to be installed or enthronized. *Gibf.* 110, 111. *God.* 25, 26, 27.

And this is performed (in the province of Canterbury) by mandate from the archbishop to the archdeacon of Canterbury; to whom the right of installing the bishops of that province hath anciently belonged, and doth still belong. *Gibf.* 118.

(11) Finally, a publick notary, by the archdeacon's command, records the whole matter of fact in this affair, in an instrument to remain as authentick to posterity. *God.* 27.

After election and confirmation, and not before, the bishop is fully invested to exercise all spiritual jurisdiction. *Gibf.* 114. But he may not sue for his temporalties till after consecration. *Watf.* c. 40. p. 422.

15. Upon

Consecration.

15. Upon a *translation*; all the aforesaid ceremonies are observed: but *consecration* in that case is not requisite, because the bishop was consecrated before. *God. 29. Gibf. 111.* But in the case of *creation*, the process goeth on as followeth:

The consecration shall always be performed upon some Sunday or holiday. *Form of consecr.*

As to the *place* of consecration; the dean and chapter of Canterbury claim it as an ancient right of that church, that every bishop of the province is to be consecrated in it, or the archbishop to receive from them a licence to consecrate elsewhere. And we are assured, that a long succession of licences to that purpose are regularly entered in the registry of that church. And altho' between the years 1235 and 1300, that point was controverted with the chapter, it ended in their favour and in the further confirmation of the privilege, which was first granted by Thomas Becket, and afterwards confirmed by St. Edmund. And in Cranmer's register there is a memorandum, that no bishop may be consecrated without the church of Canterbury, but by the special licence of the dean and chapter of Canterbury under the chapter seal. *Gibf. 111.*

In order for consecration, the archbishop (or some other bishop appointed) shall begin the communion service: another bishop shall read the epistle: and another bishop shall read the gospel. And after the nicene creed and sermon, the elected bishop, vested with his rochet, shall be presented by two bishops unto the archbishop of that province, or to some other bishop appointed by lawful commission. *Form of consecr.*

Then shall the archbishop demand the king's mandate for the consecration, and cause to be read (as in times past the *pope's* mandate was in like manner demanded, as is required in the pontifical). *Form of consecr.*

And the oaths of allegiance and supremacy shall be ministered to the persons elected. *Form of consecr. 1 Will. c. 8.*

And then shall also be ministered unto them the oath of due obedience to the archbishop, as followeth: "In the name of God, amen. I N. chosen bishop of the church and see of P. do profess and promise all due reverence and obedience to the archbishop, and to the metropolitical church of C. and to their successors: so help me God, thro' Jesus Christ."—But this oath shall not be made at the consecration of an archbishop. *Form of consecr.*

To the archbishop and to the metropolitan church] That is, either when the see is full; or else in the vacation, when the whole archiepiscopal jurisdiction is vested in the dean and chapter. *Gibf.* 117.

Then after divers questions and answers touching the episcopal office, and before the act of consecration; the bishop elect shall put on the rest of the episcopal habit.

Form of consecr.

According to the office in the 3 *Ed.* 6. the *pastoral staff* was delivered to the bishop; which delivery in the Roman pontifical is preceded by a consecration of the staff; and followed by the consecration and putting on of a *ring*, in token of his marriage to the church; and of a *mitre* as an helmet of strength and salvation, that his face being adorned, and his head (as it were) armed with the *horns* of both testaments, may appear terrible to the adversaries of the truth, as also in imitation of the ornaments of Moses and Aaron; and of *gloves*, in token of *clean* hands and heart to be preserved by him. All which, and many other like ceremonies, our church hath laid aside; retaining only such as are most ancient and most grave. *Gibf.* 118.

But at the end of the common prayer book established by parliament in the second year of Edward the sixth, it is ordered, that whensoever the bishop shall celebrate the holy communion, or exercise any other publick administration; he shall have upon him, besides his rochet, a surplice or alb, and a cope or vestment, and also his pastoral staff in his hand, or else born or holden by his chaplain.

And in the rubrick before the common prayer in our present liturgy, it is ordered, that such ornaments of the church, and of the ministers thereof at all times of their ministration, shall be retained and be in use, as were in this church of England by the authority of parliament, in the second year of the reign of king Edward the sixth.

And if any archbishop or bishop, after such election, nomination or presentation, shall be signified unto them by the king's letters patents, shall refuse and do not confirm, invest and consecrate with all due circumstance as aforesaid, within twenty days next after the king's letters patents of such signification or presentation shall come to their hands; or if any of them, or any other person or persons, admit or do any other thing contrary to the statute of the 25 H. 8. c. 20. in such case every person so offending, their aiders, counsellors and abettors, shall incur a *præmunire*. s. 7.

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By the eighth *Canon*: Whoever shall affirm or teach; that the form and manner of making and consecrating bishops, priests and deacons, containeth any thing in it that is repugnant to the word of God; or that they who are made bishops priests or deacons in that form are not lawfully made, nor ought to be accounted either by themselves or others to be truly either bishops priests or deacons, until they have some other calling to those divine offices; let him be excommunicated ipso facto, not to be restored until he repent, and publicly revoke such his wicked errors.

And by the thirty sixth, of the thirty nine *Articles*: The book of consecration of archbishops and bishops and ordering of priests and deacons, lately set forth in the time of Edward the sixth, and confirmed at the same time by authority of parliament, doth contain all things necessary to such consecrating and ordering; neither hath it any thing that of itself is superstitious and ungodly. And therefore whosoever are consecrated or ordered according to the rites of that book, since the second year of the forenamed king Edward unto this time, or hereafter shall be consecrated or ordered according to the same rites; we decree all such to be rightly orderly and lawfully consecrated and ordered.

And by the act of uniformity in the 13 & 14 C. 2. *All subscriptions to be made unto the thirty nine articles, shall be construed to extend (touching the said thirty sixth article) to the book containing the form and manner of making ordaining and consecrating of bishops priests and deacons in this said act mentioned, as the same did heretofore extend unto the book set forth in the time of king Edward the sixth. 13 & 14 C. 2. c. 4. s. 30, 31.*

When a bishop is *translated*; the former see is not void by the election to the new one, until the election is *confirmed* by the archbishop; for though he is elected, yet it may happen that the king shall not consent, or the archbishop may not confirm; and it is not reasonable that the bishop should lose his former preferment, till he hath obtained a new one: And so it is in case of *creation*; he is not compleatly bishop till *consecration*. 3 Salk. 72.

And the dignities or benefices which a bishop was possessed of before his election, become not void till after consecration in the case of creation; and after confirmation, in the case of translation. Upon which foundation it was, that all the judges agreed, in the case of *Evans* and *Afscuith*, *M. 3 Car.* that if a commendam retinere comes,

comes, in the former case before consecration, and in the latter case before confirmation, it comes in time enough; because it comes, while the bishop is in possession of the dignity or benefice granted in commendam. *Palm. 470, 475. W. Jones 162. Gibf. 114.*

16. Every person being chosen elected nominated presented invested and consecrated as aforesaid, and suing their temporalities out of the king's hands, and making oath to the king and to none other as aforesaid, shall and may be thronized or installed as the case shall require; and shall have and take their only restitution out of the king's hands, of all the possessions and profits spiritual and temporal belonging to such archbishoprick or bishoprick, and shall be obeyed in all things according to the name title degree and dignity that they shall be chosen or presented to, and do and execute in every thing touching the same, as any archbishop or bishop of this realm without offending of the prerogative royal of the crown and the laws and customs of the realm might at any time heretofore do. *25 H. 8. c. 20. f. 6.*

Installation and restitution of the temporalities.

Whereupon, the bishop being introduced into the king's presence, shall do his homage for his temporalities or barony; by kneeling down, and putting his hands between the hands of the king, sitting in his chair of state, and by taking a solemn oath to be true and faithful to his majesty, and that he holds his temporalities of him. *God. 27.*

17. Finally; By the *1 G. 2. c. 13.* and *9 G. 2. c. 26.* Oaths, he shall within six months after his admission, take the oaths of allegiance, supremacy, and abjuration, in one of the courts at Westminster, or at the quarter sessions of the peace.

18. The fees of the whole process, from first to last, Fees, are said to amount to about 600 l.

19. He shall also compound for and pay his first fruits; First fruits, as is set forth in the title *first fruits and tenths.*

20. Upon promotion of any person to a bishoprick, the king hath a right to present to such benefices or dignities, as the person was possessed of before such promotion; though the advowson belongeth to a common person. And this right of presenting upon promotion by the king, as making the avoidance which would not otherwise happen, did spring from the practice of the popes, and is now an uncontested right of the crown; and hath been established not only by long practice, but by many judgments upon full and solemn hearings. *Gibf. 763.*

Benefice or dignity vacant, by the bishop's promotion.

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Bishops.

But in Ireland, the law is, that a man shall not be promoted to a bishoprick there, until he hath resigned all his preferments in England; by which resignation it seemeth that the king's presentation in such case is defeated.

III. Concerning residence at their cathedrals.

1. *Langton.* Bishops shall be at their cathedrals, on some of the greater feasts, and at least in some part of lent, as they shall find expedient for their soul's health. *Lind.* 130.

2. *Langton.* Bishops shall have honest eleemosynaries; shall keep hospitality, and hear the causes of the poor. *Lind.* 67.

3. *Otho.* Bishops shall abide at their cathedral churches, and officiate on the chief festivals, and on the Lord's days, and in lent, and in advent: and shall visit their dioceses at fit seasons; correcting and reforming the churches, and consecrating, and sowing the word of life in the Lord's soil. *Athon.* 55.

4. *Othobon.* Bishops shall be personally resident, to take care of the flock committed to their charge, and for the comfort of the churches espoused to them; especially on solemn days, in lent, and advent: unless their absence is required by their superiors, or for other just cause. (That is, by their superiors, either ecclesiastical or secular.) *Athon.* 118.

IV. Concerning their attendance in parliament.

Bishops, lords
of parliament.

1. By the above recited statute of the 25 H. 8. c. 20. a bishop upon his election shall be reputed and taken as *lord elected*. And by divers other statutes, bishops are called *peers of the land*; one of the *three estates* of the realm; one of the *greatest* estates of the realm; and the like. 25 Ed. 3. st. 3. c. 6. 1 El. c. 3. 8 El. c. 1. 4 Inst. 1.

How far an act
made without
the bishops, is
good.

2. As to their right in general to sit and vote in parliament; this hath been carried so far by some, that they have asserted, that an act made in parliament, where the bishops have not been present, is not good. But this, lord *Coke* seemeth to have set in a proper and clear light.

There are divers acts of parliament, says he, which appear to have been made by the king, lords temporal, and commons, without the lords spiritual; and it hath been objected, that such are no acts of parliament; and for authority, the roll of parliament in the 21 R. 2. is cited,

cited, where it is said, that divers judgments were heretofore undone, for that the clergy were not present. To this some have answered, that a parliament may be holden by the king, the nobles, and commons, and never call the prelates to it. But we hold the contrary to both these, and shall make it manifest by records of parliament; first, that the bishops ought to be called to parliament; and then secondly, we shall shew, where acts of parliament are good without them.

To the first, Every bishop hath a barony, in respect whereof, according to the law and custom of parliament, he ought to be summoned to the parliament, as well as any of the nobles of the realm.

To the second, if they voluntarily absent themselves, then may the king the nobles and commons make an act of parliament without them; as where any offender is to be attainted of high treason or felony, and the bishops absent themselves, and the act proceeds, the act is good and perfect.

Likewise, if they be present, and refuse to give any voices, and the act proceeds, the act of parliament is good without them.

Also, where the voices in parliament ought to be absolute, either in the affirmative or negative, and they give their voices with limitation or condition, and the act proceeds, the act is good; for their conditional voices are no voices.

Of every of these we will produce examples out of the records and rolls of parliament.

At a parliament holden in the 15 Ed. 2. the prelates counts barons and commons of the realm do charge Hugh Spencer the father earl of Winchester, and Hugh Spencer the son earl of Gloucester, with many high and heinous offences, as by the act called *exilium Hugonis Lescencer patris et filii* doth appear; and the earls and barons, peers of the realm, in the presence of the king pronounce judgment against them, as by the said act appeareth: And after, at a parliament holden at York, the said judgment and attainder against them (by the king's exorbitant favour towards them, whose favourites they were) was annulled; and one of the causes was, for that the said judgment was given without the prelates: Whereas the same being an act of parliament, was entered into the parliament rolls as other acts of parliament were; and the consent of the prelates doth manifestly appear, for that they were parties to the charge. And after, it was adjudged by the

authority of parliament, by the 1 Ed. 3. c. 1. that the said judgment against them was good, and they confirmed the same.

At the parliament holden in the third year of king Richard the second, a bill was exhibited against the clergy with many bitter words, for the ill disposing of the dignities, offices, parsonages, canonries, prebends, and other benefices, whereof they were patrons, and which were in their gift, whereof many inconveniences followed; the bishops and other prelates taking great offence at this bill, absented themselves: whereupon the king, upon the complaint of his commons, by the advice and consent of all the lords temporal, passed the bill.

In the same parliament great complaint was made of the extortions committed by the bishops and their officers; and thereupon a bill was framed, that justices of the peace might enquire thereof, and a form of a commission desired to be enacted. The prelates and clergy made their protestation expressly against the said bill, as tending to the blemishing of the liberty of the church. Whereunto it was replied for the king, that neither for their said protestation, nor other words in their behalf, the king would not stay to grant to his justices in that case and all other cases, as was used to be done in times past, and as he was bound to do by virtue of his oath made at his coronation. Whereupon the act and form of a commission passed as was desired.

At a parliament holden in the eleventh year of Richard the second, in the beginning of that parliament holden in that year, the archbishop of Canterbury made openly in the parliament a solemn protestation for himself and the whole clergy of his province, which he desired might be entered; and so it was: the effect whereof was, that albeit they might lawfully be present in all parliaments, yet for that in this parliament matters of treason were to be treated of, whereat by the canonical law they ought not to be present, they therefore absented themselves, saving their liberties therein otherwise. The like protestation did the bishops of Duresme and Carlisle make. At which parliament divers statutes were made nothing concerning *life or member*: as the seventh chapter concerning merchants, the eighth chapter touching annuities, and the ninth chapter against new impositions, the eleventh concerning keeping of assizes, and the like, all which were good and perfect statutes, and yet the prelates assented not to them.

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At the parliament holden in the thirteenth year of Richard the second; when the two bills were read, the one intituled *a confirmation of the statute of provisors, and the forfeiture of him that accepteth a benefice against that statute*, the other intituled *the penalty of him that bringeth in a summons or sentence of excommunication of the pope against any person upon the statute of provisors, and of a prelate executing it*, both which bills tended to restrain the pope's authority, which he claimed in disposing of ecclesiastical promotions within this realm: the archbishops of Canterbury and York, for the whole clergy of their provinces, made their solemn protestations in open parliament, that they in no wise meant or would assent to any statute or law in restraint of the pope's authority, but utterly withstood the same; the which their protestations at their requests were inrolled: and yet both bills passed, by the king lords and commons.

By a statute in the sixth year of Henry the sixth, it was enacted, by the king, lords temporal, and commons; that no man should contract or marry himself to any queen of England (being the widow of a king, 2 *Inst.* 18.) without the special licence and assent of the king, on pain to lose all his goods and lands. The bishops and clergy being present assented to this bill, as far forth as the same swerved not from the law of God and of the church, and so as the same imported no deadly sin. This was holden no assent; and therefore it was enacted by the king, lords temporal, and commons; and so specially entred, omitting the prelates.

And then, speaking of the statute of the 35 *Ed. 1.* *De asportatis religiosorum*, which is a statute specially entred to have been made by the king the lords temporal and commons (omitting the prelates); it must be intended, he says, that the bishops absented themselves; or if they were present, protested against it, or gave such voices as were against the law and custom of parliament: And this same act of the 35 *Ed. 1.* in letters patents made within eight years after, is affirmed to be an act of parliament; and by several subsequent acts of parliament is holden for an act of parliament. 2 *Inst.* 585, 586, 587.

3. Concerning the point, whether they sit in parliament in their temporal capacity only, by reason of their temporal baronies; or in their spiritual capacity also, as bishops; the substance of what hath been said seemeth to be as followeth:

Whether they sit in parliament, in their temporal capacity only.

Lord Coke saith; The lords spiritual, viz. archbishops and bishops, being 24 in number, sit in parliament by succession, in respect of their counties, or baronies parcel of their bishopricks. And every one of these, when any parliament is to be holden, ought ex debito justitiæ to have a writ of summons. And they may make their proxy as other lords of parliament. 1 *Inst.* 97. 4 *Inst.* 1, 12.

And again; Every archbishoprick and bishoprick in England are of the king's foundation, and holden of the king per baroniam; and in this right the archbishops and bishops are lords of parliament; and this is a right of great honour that the church now hath. 2 *Inst.* 3.

And this, saith Dr. Gibson, is true; but not the whole truth. For, altho' their baronies did put them more under the power of the king, and under a stricter obligation to attend; yet, long before William the conqueror changed bishopricks into baronies, they were, as bishops, members of the *mycel-synod* or *witena-gemot*, which was the great council of the land. And an argument of their spiritual capacity in parliament, is, that from the reign of Edward the first to Edward the fourth inclusive, as appears by the records, great number of writs to attend the parliament, were sent to the *guardians of the spiritualities*, during the vacancies of bishopricks, or while the bishops were in foreign parts. The writs of summons also preserve the distinction of *prelati* and *magnates*; and whereas temporal lords are required to appear *in fide et ligeantia*, in the writs to the bishops the word *ligeantia* is left out, and the command to appear is *in fide et dilectione*. Gibf. 127. Seld. Tit. of Hon. 575.

And in 3 *Salk.* 73. it is said, that bishops did sit and had a vote in parliament, in the time of the Saxons: but it was not in respect of any barony, but by a personal privilege, as they were bishops: for they were not barons until the Norman reign; for in the reign of the Saxons, they were free from all services and payments, excepting only to castles, bridges, [and, as it should have been added, expeditions;] but William the conqueror-deprived them of this exemption, and instead thereof turned their possessions into baronies, and made them subject to the tenures and duty of knights service.

Unto all which may be added, what lord Hale delivers, in a manuscript treatise touching the right of the crown, as set forth by the very learned Dr. Warburton bishop

shop of Gloucester, in his "Alliance between church and state," p. 131. as follows : — The bishops sit in the house of peers, by usage and custom ; which I therefore call usage, because they had it not by express charter, for then we should find some. Neither had they it by tenure ; for, regularly, their tenure was in free-alm, and not per baroniam : and therefore it is clear, they were not barons in respect of their possessions, but their possessions were called baronies, because they were the possessions of customary barons. Besides, it is evident, that the writ of summons usually went *electo et confirmato*, before any restitution of the temporalities ; so that their possessions were not the cause of their summons. Neither are they barons by prescription ; for it is evident, that as well the lately erected bishops, as Gloucester, Oxon, &c. had voice in parliament, and yet erected without time of memory, and without any special words in the erection thereof to intitle them to it. So that it is a privilege by usage annexed to the episcopal dignity within the realm ; not to their order, which they acquire by consecration ; nor to their persons, for in respect to their persons, they are not barons, nor to be tried as barons, but to their incorporation and dignity episcopal.

4. A bishop *confirmed* may sit in parliament, as a lord thereof. It is laid down by lord *Coke*, that a bishop *elect* may so sit ; but in the case of *Evans* and *Ascuith* before mentioned, *Jones* held clearly, that a bishop cannot be summoned to parliament before *confirmation*, without which the election is not compleat. And he adds, that it was well known, that *Bancroft*, being translated to the bishoprick of *London* could not come to parliament, before his confirmation. However, if a bishop may come presently after confirmation, and before homage and restitution of temporalities ; he comes as soon as he is invested with the spiritualities, and is not of necessity to wait for his temporalities : which is a further argument of a spiritual as well as temporal capacity in parliament. *Gibf.* 129.

5. Bishops being *translated*, pay not new fees ; upon their being introduced into parliament. This, with the like order for peers raised to higher dignities, was made a standing rule, when a table of fees was settled in the year 1663. *Gibf.* 128.

6. Anciently, the greatest part of the bishopricks in England, had seats (or, as they were commonly called *places*) in or near London, in which they were resident

A bishop may sit in parliament, upon his confirmation.

Bishops translated, pay no new fees in parliament.

Bishops places of residence, during their attendance in parliament.

during their attendance on parliament, on the court, or their own proper occasions; and during those attendances, they might freely exercise jurisdiction in their respective places, as in their own proper dioceses; and this is referred to in the statute of the 33 H. 8. c. 31. for disavowing the bishoprick of Chester from the archbishoprick of Canterbury, in which there is this clause, "saving to the bishop of Chester and his successors, that his house at Weston, being within the diocese of Coventry and Litchfield, shall be accounted and taken to be of his diocese, and that he being resident in the same, shall be taken and accounted as resident in his own diocese, and for the time of his abode there shall have jurisdiction in the same, likewise as all other bishops have in the houses belonging to their sees in any other bishoprick within this realm for the time of their abode in the same."

But now most of those houses are either exchanged, or (being built into private houses) are held in lease of the bishopricks to which they belonged; and no houses, now remaining, come under the circumstance here mentioned (of being a place of residence, in another diocese) but Lambeth house and Croydon, belonging to the archbishop of Canterbury; Winchester place, now removed from Southwark to Chelsea; and Ely house in Holborn. *Gibf.* 132.

20. Item quod si
-intra et non
-intra
Order of their
sitting in parlia-
ment.

7. The bishops shall sit in parliament, on the right side of the parliament chamber, in this order: First, the archbishop of Canterbury; next to him, on the same form, the archbishop of York; then the bishop of London; then the bishop of Durham; then the bishop of Winchester; then all the other bishops after their ancienties. 31 H. 8. c. 10. f. 3.

Whether they
may vote in cases
of blood.

8. By a canon of the council of Toledo, no bishop, or abbot, or any of the clergy, was to be a judge in case of life or limb. *Gibf.* 125.

This canon is said to have been introduced into England by archbishop Lanfrank; and confirmed in a synod held at London, and made a standing rule of the English church. *Id.*

21. Item quod si
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And this the clergy claimed as an exemption and privilege; and esteemed their attendance in parliament, generally as a badge of ecclesiastical slavery. *Id.*

And in the case before us, as they did apprehend themselves under an indispensable obligation to the canon, the king gave them leave to withdraw: Nevertheless, by the

22. Item quod si
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11th constitution of Clarendon, they were required to be present until judgment was to be given. *Id.*

Afterwards, by a constitution of archbishop Langton, it was enjoined, that no clergyman should exercise secular jurisdiction, especially in cases of blood. *Lind.* 269

And by a constitution of Othobon: — “ In causes of blood, in which judgment of death or mutilation of members is given, we injoin that none of the clergy presume to be a judge or assessor; on pain that besides the suspension from his office which he shall ipso facto incur, he shall be otherwise punished according to the discretion of his superior: from which sentence of suspension he shall in no wise be absolved, unless he first make a competent satisfaction.” *Othob.* Athon. 92.

And in consequence of the aforesaid canons, the archbishops and bishops were wont to withdraw, when causes of blood were to be heard: with a protestation nevertheless, that such absence should not be any infringement of their right to sit and vote in such cases, if the canons were out of the question. *Gibb.* 125.

And in fact, there are several instances, wherein bishops did sit and vote, or wherein their right was acknowledged to sit and vote, in like cases.

As in the 4 Ed. 3. Roger de Mortimer, Berisford, Mautrevers, and others, were adjudged traytors, by bishops and others in parliament.

In the 15 Ed. 3. Archbishop Stratford was acquitted of treason in parliament, by four earls, four bishops, and four barons.

In the 5 Hen. 4. the commons thank the lords spiritual and temporal, for their good and rightful judgment in freeing the earl of Northumberland.

In the 3 Hen. 5. the commons pray judgment of the lords spiritual and temporal on the earl of Cambridge.

In the 5 Hen. 5. Sir John Oldcastle was attainted of treason and heresy, by the lords spiritual and temporal.

Nevertheless, lord Coke says generally, In cases of trial for treason, misprision of treason, or felony; the lords spiritual must withdraw, and make their proxies. *3 Inst.* 31.

But Dr. Gibson observes, that when the bishops entered their protestation and withdrew, neither the temporal nor spiritual lords understood them to be under any engagement to withdraw, from any law of the land. And much less can it be pretended, he says, that they are under any legal obligation in our reformed church;

since the canon itself (speaking of the canon of the council of Toledo) at first founded in superstition, and now probably abolished by law, as being to the damage or hurt of the king's prerogative royal, was disregarded for a long time after the reformation. 'Tis true, in the tumultuous times of king Charles the first, This advantage, among many others, was taken and insisted on, against the ecclesiastical state. But when it came to be a question in the reign of king Charles the second; the most eminent civilians of that time were advised with by the bishops in convocation, and unanimously gave an opinion under their hands, that by their staying in the house of lords, while cases of high treason were in agitation there, they were in no danger of irregularity; which was the ancient penalty annexed to the canon. *Gibb. 125.*

And Mr Hawkins, speaking of this matter, saith thus; It is agreed, that at a trial before the house of peers, every temporal lord who hath a right to vote in that house, hath a right to pass on such trial. But it is said in the year book of 10 *Ed. 4. 6.* that upon the trial of a peer in parliament, the bishops shall make a procurator, because they cannot consent to the death of a man; but this is said to be wholly grounded on a canon not in force at this day; neither do I find (says he) any precedent wherein they have been excluded against their consent, or have withdrawn themselves without a protestation of their right or making a proxy; and the judgment against the Spencers was expressly reversed for this reason among others, because the bishops were not present; and in the precedents chiefly insisted on of the other side, it is not expressly said that they were not present, and it doth not clearly appear, but that they might be included under the word peers. However it hath been always admitted, that they have a right to vote in a bill of attainder; also in the earl of Danby's case, they were adjudged by the house of lords to have a right to vote in questions previous to the trial of a peer, tho' this was strongly opposed by the house of commons. And their right to vote at the trial it self, if they think fit, seems fully implied in the statute of the 7 *W. c. 3.* which enacteth, that *upon the trial of any peer or peeres for treason or misprision, all the peers who have a right to sit and vote in parliament shall be summoned twenty days at least before every such trial, to appear at every such trial, and that every peer so summoned and appearing shall vote in the trial, every such peer first taking*
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the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, and subscribing and repeating the declaration against popery. 2 Haw. 423.

But upon this, Sir Michael Foster (after having stated the difference between a trial before the court of the high steward, and a trial in full parliament or before the king in parliament) observes as follows: Before this act, the real mischief seems to have been, that in the trial of a peer in the court of the high steward, the peer's triers were a select number, returned at the nomination of the high steward; and the prisoner was in every case debarred the benefit of a challenge. This was the real mischief, and it was in many cases severely felt. Accordingly the act applieth the proper remedy; for it enacteth, "that upon the trial of a peer, all the peers having right to sit and vote in parliament shall be summoned twenty days before the trial, to appear and vote at such trial: and every peer so summoned and appearing shall vote in the trial of such peer, having first taken the oaths appointed by the act."——The next clause provideth, "that neither this act, nor any thing therein contained, shall any ways extend, or be construed to extend, to any impeachment or other proceeding in parliament in any kind whatsoever."——The words of the last clause are very general, and seem to exclude every proceeding in full parliament for the trial of a peer in the ordinary course of justice. But that construction was rejected in the cases of the earls of Kilmarnock and Cromartie, and of the lord Balmerino, after the late rebellion. And accordingly all the peers and lords spiritual were summoned. And those lords who appeared having taken the oaths appointed by the act, the bishops upon the day the trial came on, after making the usual protestation withdrew. And the prisoners before their arraignment were informed by the high steward, that they were intitled to the benefit of this act in its full extent. The summoning the lords spiritual to the trial of those lords was (Sir Michael says) he apprehends a prudent caution, in order to obviate a doubt that might otherwise at that critical time have arisen from the words of the statute, which (as was before observed) are very general. But general as they are, he says, he doth not conceive that they made that measure, tho' extremely prudent, *absolutely and indispensibly necessary*. For general words in a statute must be controuled by the apparent intent of the legislature. They must in construction be adapted to cases then in contemplation, and to every other provision in the statute,

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tute, so as to render the whole one uniform consistent rule.—And now to apply this observation to the present case. The act provideth, that every peer so summoned and appearing shall vote *in the trial*. By voting *in the trial*, must (he says, as he apprehends) be meant voting *throughout* the trial, voting as a competent judge, in every question that shall arise during the trial; and above all, in the grand question for condemnation or acquittal. Now upon this last question the bishops cannot vote. Tho' it hath been resolved, and practice hath established the rule, that in a proceeding in full parliament in a case of blood, they may, if they chuse it, vote upon all previous questions. But in a proceeding in the court of the high steward, which conceives this clause of the statute had principally in contemplation, and to which no mere spiritual lord was ever summoned or could be, no question but for acquittal or condemnation is the subject of any vote. For in all points of law or practice, the high steward gives the rule, as sole judge in the court.—To conclude this head, the act may (he says) with propriety enough be said to regulate the proceeding in both courts, that of the high steward, and that in full parliament; but it doth not alter the nature and constitution of either. Consequently, it doth not give to the lords spiritual any right in cases of blood, which they had not before. *Fest. Crown Law. 247.*

Whether they shall be tried by the lords in parliament, or by a jury.

§ 9. Dr. Gibson saith, The lords spiritual enjoy the same legal privileges (trial by peers excepted, if they have not that also) that the temporal barons do enjoy; as to have a day of grace; hunting in the king's forests; and the like. *Gibf. 133. Tr. per pais. 10.*

Sir Wm. Staundforde saith thus: Duchesses, countesses, and baronesses shall be tried as peers of the realm; but so shall not bishops: for none of the statutes relating thereunto have been put in ure to extend to bishops, albeit they enjoy the name of lords of parliament; for they have not this name by reason of nobility, but by reason of their office, and have not a place in parliament in respect of their nobility, but in respect of their possession, viz. the ancient baronies annexed to their dignities. *Stamf. 153.*

Lord Coke saith; every lord of parliament, and that hath voice in parliament, and is called thereunto by the king's writ, shall not be tried by his peers, but only such as sit there by reason of their nobility, as dukes, marquesses, counts, viscounts, or barons; and not such as are lords

lords of parliament by reason of their baronies which they hold in the right of the church, as archbishops and bishops, and in time past some abbots and priors; but they shall be tried by the country, that is, by freeholders, for that they are not of the degree of nobility. 1 *Inst.* 31. 3 *Inst.* 30.

Lord Hale, in the manuscript before quoted, says, that the bishops in respect of their persons, are not barons, nor to be tried as barons.

And the late Mr Madox, in a manuscript now in the British Museum, concerning the *Antiquity of passing bills in parliament*, speaking of this matter of bishops, says, that out of parliament, their honour not being inheritable, they are to be tried by ordinary freeholders.

On the other hand, Mr Hawkins observes as follows: It is said by Staundforde and Coke, that those who are lords of parliament, not in respect of their nobility, but of their baronies which they hold of the crown, as bishops now do, and some abbots and priors did formerly, are not within the intent of magna charta, to be tried by the peers. And Selden seems clear, that this is the only privilege which bishops have not in common with other peers. And those who seem most for the contrary opinion, admit that the law hath been generally so taken. Neither do they produce any precedent, where a bishop or abbot hath been tried by the peers upon a commission; but on the contrary admit that there are two precedents of their being tried by the country or a jury. And it is said by others, that there are divers precedents of this kind; yet Selden, with his utmost diligence, seems able to produce but two, which clearly and fully come up to his point, viz. those of archbishop Cranmer and bishop Fisher. However it seems to be agreed, that while the parliament is sitting, a bishop shall be tried by the peers. 2 *Haw.* 424.

Finally, lord chief baron Gilbert, in his treatise on the court of exchequer, page 40, says thus: "The bishops generally claimed an ecclesiastical privilege, to be tried only by the archbishop as their ordinary; therefore in the case of Mark, bishop of Carlisle, where this challenge was made of the liberties of the church, and over-ruled, he did not challenge his peerage. And so was the case of Fisher, bishop of Rochester, in Henry the eighth's time. For they would not make any challenge to be tried by their peers; for that would have admitted a temporal jurisdiction. So by non-user of any right of being tried

tried by their peers in capital cases, these bishops who held *per baronium*, and had consequently a privilege to have such a trial, totally lost the same, and are tried by a common jury.

Bishops included in the acts de scandalis magnatum.

What courts may write to the bishop to certify bastardy, and the like.

10. Prelates are included by name in the statutes which give the actions *de scandalis magnatum*. 2 R. 2. c. 5. 12 R. 2. c. 11.

11. None but the king's courts of record, as the court of common pleas, the king's bench, justices of gaol delivery and the like, can write to the bishop to certify bastardy, loyalty of matrimony, and the like ecclesiastical matter; for it is a rule in law, that none but the king can write to the bishop to certify, and therefore no inferior court, as London, Norwich, York, or any other incorporation; but in these cases, the plea must be removed into the court of common pleas, and the court must write to the bishop, and then remand the record. And this was done in respect of the honour and reverence which the law gave to the bishop, being an ecclesiastical judge, and a lord of parliament. 1 Inst. 134.

V. Spiritualties of bishopricks in the time of vacation.

What is meant by guardian of the spiritualties.

1. When a bishop dies, or is translated, or is employed beyond the seas in negotiations for the service of the king and kingdom; the law takes care to provide a guardian as to the spiritual jurisdiction, during such vacancy of the see or remote absence of the bishop, to whom presentations may be made, and by whom institutions, admissions, and the like, may be given: And this is that ecclesiastical officer, whether he be the archbishop, or his vicar general, or deans and chapters in whomsoever the office resides, whom we commonly call the guardian of the spiritualties. *God. Introd. 9. God. 39.*

Who shall be guardian of the spiritualties.

2. By the canon law, the dean and chapter are guardians of the spiritualties during the vacancy. And it hath been allowed, that of common right they are so at this day in England, and that the archbishop hath this privilege only by prescription or composition. 2 Inst. 15. *Wood, b. 1. c. 3. Johns. 56.*

And divers deans and chapters do challenge this by ancient charters from the kings of this realm. *God. 39.*

But now generally here in England, during the vacancy of any see within his province, the archbishop is guardian of the spiritualties (as hath been said) by prescription or composition; whereby all episcopal rights of the diocese belong

belong unto him, and all ecclesiastical jurisdiction is exercised by him or his commissioners, for that time. *God. 39, 42. Ayl. Parerg. 125.*

But when an archiepiscopal see is vacant, the dean and chapter of his diocese are guardians of the spiritualties; that is, the spiritual jurisdiction of his province and diocese is committed to them. *God. 41.*

And by the 25 *H. 8. c. 21.* when the see of the archbishoprick of Canterbury is void, the guardian of the spiritualties shall grant faculties licences and dispensations (throughout both provinces) as the archbishop might have done. *f. 16.*

3. The guardian of the spiritualties hath all manner of jurisdiction of the courts, as the power of granting licences to marry, probate of wills, and administration of intestates estates, during such vacancy; and also of granting admissions and institutions: but he cannot as such, consecrate or ordain, or present to vacant benefices, or confirm a lease. *God. 21, 39. Wood, b. 1.* His power.

4. And he shall have the perquisites that happen by the execution of such power, until the new elected bishop may by law execute the same. *Watf. c. 40.* And perquisites.

5. After election and confirmation (and not before), the bishop is fully invested with a right to exercise all spiritual jurisdiction; and consequently, then the power of the guardian of the spiritualties ceaseth. *Gibf. 114.* When his power ceaseth.

VI. Temporalities of bishopricks in the time of vacation.

1. A bishop's temporalities are all such things as the bishops have by livery from the king, as castles manors lands tenements tithes and such other certainties, of which the king is answered during the vacation. *Watf. c. 40.* What is meant by temporalities.

2. The custody of the temporalities of every archbishoprick and bishoprick within the realm, and of such abbeys and priories, as were of the king's foundation, after the same became void, belonged to the king during the vacation thereof, by his prerogative: for as the spiritualties belonged during that time to the dean and chapter of common right, or to some other ecclesiastical person by prescription or composition; so the temporalities came to the king, being patron and protector of the church, Who hath the custody of the temporalities.

church, in so high a prerogative incident to his crown, as no subject can claim the temporalities of an archbishoprick or bishoprick when they fall, by grant or prescription. 2 *Inst.* 15.

Who hath the profits thereof, during the vacation.

3. And upon the filling of a void bishoprick, not the new bishop, but the king by his prerogative, hath the temporalities thereof, from the time that the same became void, to the time that the new bishop shall receive them from the king. *Watsf. c. 40.*

And by the statute of the 17 *Ed. 2. ft. 1. c. 14.* The king shall have escheats of lands of the freeholders of archbishops and bishops, when such tenants be attainted for felony in time of vacation, whilst their temporalities were in the king's hands to give at his pleasure, saving to such prelates the service that thereto is due and accustomed.

Accordingly, the temporalities being in queen Elizabeth's hands, a copyhold escheated; which was granted by the queen, and it was held to be good. *E. 42 El. Covert's case. Cro. El. 754.*

Undue seizing of the temporalities, the bishop being living.

4. By the 1 *Ed. 3. ft. 2. c. 2.* Because before this time, in the time of king Edward father to the king that now is, the king by evil counsellors caused to be seized into his hands the temporalities of divers bishops, with all their goods and chattels therein found, without any cause, and the same held in his hands by a long season, and continually thereof took the profits, to the great damage of the same bishops, wastes and destructions of all their chattels manors parks and woods; the king will and granteth, that from henceforth it shall not be done.

By the 14 *Ed. 3. ft. 4. c. 3.* We will and grant, that from henceforth we nor our heirs shall not take, nor cause to be taken into our hands, the temporalities of archbishops bishops abbots priors or other people of holy church, of what estate and condition they be, without a true and just cause, according to the law of the land, and judgment thereupon given.

By the 25 *Ed. 3. ft. 3. c. 6.* Because the temporalities of archbishops and bishops have been oftentimes taken into the king's hands, for contempts done to him upon writs of quare non admitit, and likewise for divers other causes, whereof the prelates have prayed the king that no such taking shall from henceforth be made; the king will and granteth, that the justices who shall give judgment against any prelate in such case or the like, shall receive for the contempt so judged a reasonable fine at the time of the judgment if the party offer the same, or otherwise after the judgment, at what time the party will offer himself.

5. Ranulph,

5. Ranulph, chaplain to king William Rufus, and afterwards by him made bishop of Durham, was a factor for the king in making merchandize of church livings, inasmuch as when any archbishoprick bishoprick or monastery became void; first, he persuaded the king to keep them void a long time, and converted the profits thereof sometime by letting, and sometime by sale of the same, whereby the temporalities were exceedingly wasted and destroyed: secondly, after a long time no man was preferred to them by delivery of the ring and staff, by livery of seisin, freely, as the old fashion was, but by bargain and sale from the king, to him that would give most; by means whereof, the church was stuffed with unworthy and insufficient men. 2 Inst. 15.

Committing waste, during the vacation.

But by the great charter, 9 H. 3. it is enacted as follows: *The guardian, so long as he shall have the custody of the land of an heir within age, shall keep up the houses parks warrens ponds mills and other things pertaining to the same land, with the issues of the said land; and he shall deliver to the heir when he cometh to his full age, all his land sowed with ploughs and all other things, at the least as he received it. All these things shall be observed in the custodies of archbishopricks bishopricks abbeys priories churches and dignities vacant which appertain unto us; except this, that such custody shall not be sold.* c. 5.

Shall not be sold. Fleta saith, that the same shall not be sold nor let to farm; yet the king may commit the temporalities of them during the vacation, as by the statute of the 14 Ed. 3. (hereafter following) doth appear. 2 Inst. 15.

By the statute of the 3 Ed. 1. c. 21. *In right of lands of heirs being within age, which be in ward of their lords, it is provided, that the guardians shall keep and sustain the land, without making destruction of any thing; and that of such manner of wards shall be done in all points as is contained in the great charter, and that it be so used from henceforth. And in the same manner shall archbishopricks bishopricks abbeys churches and all spiritual dignities be kept in time of vacation.*

By the 14 Ed. 3. st. 4. *Because that in the petition of the prelates and clergy it is contained, that escheators and other keepers, in the time of vacation of archbishopricks bishopricks and other prelaties, have done great waste and destruction; we will and grant, that at all times from henceforth, when such voidances shall happen, that our escheators and the escheators of our heirs which for the time shall be, shall enter and cause to be well*

well kept the said voidances, without doing waste or destruction in the manors warrens parks ponds or woods; and that they sell no underwood, nor hunt in the parks or warrens, nor fish in ponds nor free fishings, nor shall rack nor take fines of the tenants, free nor bond; but shall keep and save as much as pertaineth to the said voidances, without doing harm or any manner of oppression. And if the dean and chapter of churches-cathedral priors subpriors prioresses subprioresses and convents of prelaties abbies or priories, whose voidance pertaineth to us and our heirs, will render to us and our heirs the value of the said voidance, as other will reasonably yield, then the chancellor and treasurer shall have power to let to them the said voidances by good and sufficient surety, so that they shall have the same before all other, yielding to us the value of them, according as shall be found by remembrances of the exchequer, or by inquest to be taken upon the same if need be, without making fine. And in case they will not accord to yield to the value, nor find such surety; then the chancellor and treasurer shall cause to be ordained the good preservation of such voidances by escheators or other sufficient keepers to answer the king of that to him pertaineth reasonably, without doing waste or destruction, or other thing which may turn in disherison of the churches whereof such voidances shall happen. c. 4.

And we do grant full power to our said chancellor and treasurer, which taking to them other of our council such as to them shall seem best to be taken, by good information of remembrances of the exchequer and other informations as to them shall seem best shall let the vacations of archbishopricks bishopricks abbasies priories and other houses whose voidances pertain unto us, to the dean and chapter prior or subprior prioress or subprioress and convent, to yield a certain of every voidance by the year quarter or month during the vacations, according as to them shall seem best, without making any fine; so that no escheator nor other minister, in the time of vacation, shall have cause to enter or meddle to do any thing, which shall be in prejudice of the churches, whereof such voidances shall happen: saving to us and to our heirs, the knights fees, advowsons of churches, escheats, wards, marriages, reliefs, and services of the said fees. c. 5.

Remedy for the
successor, for
waste done in the
time of his pre-
decessor.

6. By the 52 H. 3. c. 28. it is provided, that if any wrongs or trespasses be done to abbots priors or other prelates of the church, and they have sued their right for such wrongs, and be prevented with death before judgment given therein; their successors shall have their actions to demand the goods of their church out of the hands of such trespassers. Moreover, the successors shall have like action for such things as were lately with-

withdrawn by such violence from their house and church, before the death of their predecessors, tho' their said predecessors did not pursue their right during their lives. And if any intrude into the lands or tenements of such religious persons in the time of vacation, of which lands their predecessors died seised as in the right of their church, the successors shall have a writ to recover their seisin. And damages shall be awarded them, as in assise of novel disseisin is wont to be.

It is provided] There were two mischiefs at the common law (as many did hold); the first, that if goods were taken away in the life of the predecessor, after his death the successor had no remedy for such trespasses; and the other mischief was, that if in time of vacation any intrusion were made, the successor had no remedy to recover the land with damages, tho' thereof his predecessor died seised: and both these are remedied by this act.
2 *Inst.* 151.

Abbots priors or other prelates] The word prelates being placed after abbots and priors, who are inferior to archbishops and bishops, lord *Coke* supposeth, that these last are not comprehended in this act, and labours to prove that they are not. But *Fitzherbert* is of a contrary opinion, and includes archbishops and bishops in the word prelates, and also in the words [*of such religious persons*] in the latter clause; and says, that the bishop shall punish a trespass done in time of vacation of the bishoprick, in cutting down of trees and the like, for of right the king cannot cut such trees; but for hunting in the parks, or fishing in the piscaries, it seemeth the king ought to have the action for the trespass done in the time of the vacancy: But if they do destroy all the fish within the fishpools, or kill all the deer in the parks, in the time of the vacancy; it seemeth reasonable, that by this statute the successor have an action for such trespass.
Gibf. 655.

Lately withdrawn] Yet if the taking of the goods were long before such death, the successor shall have an action of trespass by this statute. 2 *Inst.* 152.

7. When a new bishop is made, he may not de jure before his consecration claim the temporalities of his bishoprick, altho' that ex gratia the king by his letters patents may grant them unto him after his confirmation, and before his consecration, and the grant then made is good: But after that he is consecrated invested and installed, he may sue for his temporalities out of the king's hands by a

When the custody of the temporalities ceas. th.

writ directed to the escheator. Yet upon such writ, the temporalities are not de jure to be delivered, until the metropolitan hath certified the time of his consecration, altho' that the freehold of the temporalities be in him by the consecration. *Watf. c. 40.*

VII. *Archbishops jurisdiction over their provincial bishops.*

General power
of the archbishop.

1. The archbishop hath two concurrent jurisdictions, one as ordinary or bishop within his own diocese, the other as superintendant throughout his whole province of all ecclesiastical matters, to correct and supply the defects of other bishops.

Presentment of
the excesses of
bishops.

2. By a canon of *Edmund* archbishop of Canterbury, *There shall be in every deanry, two or three men, having God before their eyes, who at the command of the archbishop or his official, shall present unto him the publick excesses of prelates and other the clergy.* *Lind. 277.*

Two or three men] Which office devolved afterwards upon the churchwardens. *Lind. 277.*

In every deanry] That is, rural deanry. *Id.*

His official] Who hath the same consistory with the archbishop himself, at least in those things which concern his metropolitanical jurisdiction. *Lindw. 277.*

Publick excesses] That is, notorious; whereof great and publick infamy doth arise. *Id.*

Of the prelates] To wit, bishops; who inasmuch as they are his suffragans, are subject immediately to the archbishop and his official; and also the officials of the same bishops. *Id.*

And other the clergy] viz. subject to the said suffragans. *Id.*

Archbishop's vi-
sitation of bi-
shops.

3. If the archbishop visit his inferior bishop, and inhibit him during the visitation; if the bishop hath a title to collate to a benefice within his diocese by reason of lapse, yet the bishop cannot institute his clerk; but the clerk ought to be presented to the archbishop, and the archbishop is to institute him, by reason that during the inhibition, the bishop's power of jurisdiction is suspended. *God. 19.*

Whether he can
proceed to depri-
vation.

4. There seemeth to be some confusion in the books, concerning the deposing or depriving of a bishop. The truth

truth is, *deposing* is one thing, and *depriving* is another thing very different. *Deposition* implies the taking away, or putting him from the office itself, or degrading him from the order of bishop; *deprivation* only takes from him the exercise thereof in such a particular diocese, leaving him still bishop as much as he was before, and only vacates his promotion.

As to the former of these, the power of *deposing*, Dr. Ayliffe says, that by a canon of the council of Lateran, bishops cannot be deposed by their metropolitans, without the pope's leave or licence so to do; even as a bishop cannot by his power alone depose any clerk from his orders, tho' he may by himself give a person orders. *Ayl. Parerg.* 124.

And Dr Godolphin says, that the consecration of a bishop is *character indelebilis*: insomuch that altho' it should so happen, that for some just cause he should be deprived or removed from the see, or suspended *ab officio et beneficio*, both from his spiritual jurisdiction as to the exercise and execution thereof, and also from the temporalities and profits of the bishoprick; yet he still retains the title of a bishop, for that it is supposed the order it self cannot absolutely be taken from him. *God. Rep. Can.* 49.

But as to *deprivation*, Dr Ayliffe says, that in England, an archbishop may deprive a bishop, if his crime deserves so severe a punishment; and that it is said in the canon law, that a bishop who is unprofitable to his diocese ought to be deprived, and no coadjutor assigned him, nor shall he be restored again thereunto. *Ayl. Per.* 124.

And Dr Gibson delivers it absolutely, that the archbishop has a right to deprive a suffragan bishop; and for the same refers to the case of *Lucy* and Dr *Watson* bishop of *St David's*, *E. 11 W.* which was thus; *Lucy* promoted a suit *ex officio* before archbishop *Tenison*, in a court held at Lambeth before the archbishop himself in person (who called to his assistance six other bishops), for simony and other offences. And the bishop of *St David's* moved the court of king's bench for a prohibition; and the suggestion was;

First, That it doth not appear, that the bishop of *St David's* was cited to appear in any court whereof the law takes notice; for the citation is, that he should appear before the archbishop of Canterbury or his vicar general, in the hall of Lambeth house; which is not any court whereof the law takes notice: for the archbishop hath the same power over his suffragan bishops, as every bishop

Bishops.

hath over the clergy of his diocese; but no bishop can cite the clergy before himself, but in his court; and therefore the citation ought to have been here, to appear in the arches, or some other court of the archbishop. But it was answered, that without doubt the archbishop hath jurisdiction over all the clergy, as well bishops as others, within his province: And for that was cited the case of Dr Wood bishop of Litchfield and Coventry, who in the year 1687 was suspended by archbishop Sancroft for dilapidations, and the profits of the bishoprick were sequestred, and the episcopal palace was rebuilt out of them; and he died under that sequestration: And there was cited also the case of Marmaduke Middleton bishop of St David's, who in the year 1582 was suspended by the high commissioners (who had not any new, or greater jurisdiction than the archbishop) for misapplication and abuse of the charity of Brecknock (which was one of the crimes of which this present bishop is also accused.) And *Holt* chief justice said; The admitting of that point of the jurisdiction to be disputed, would be to admit the disputing of fundamentals, which the counsel of the other side attempt to subvert, not duly considering the respect due to the primate and metropolitan of England; for the archbishop of Canterbury has without doubt provincial jurisdiction over all his suffragan bishops, which he may exercise in what place of the province it shall please him; and it is not material to be in the arches, no more than in any other place; for the arches is only a peculiar, consisting of divers parishes in London, exempt from the bishop of London, where the archbishop of Canterbury exerciseth his metropolitanical jurisdiction, but he is not confined to exercise it there: And the citation is here to appear before the archbishop himself, or his vicar general, who is an officer of whom the law takes notice; for the vicar general in the province is of the same nature as the chancellor in every particular diocese; and the dean of the arches is the vicar general of the archbishop in all the province.

Secondly, It was urged by the counsel of the bishop for the prohibition, that the matters contained in the articles exhibited against the bishop before the archbishop were of temporal cognizance, and not cognizable before the archbishop: The first of which articles was, that the bishop of St David's, being incumbent of the church of Boroughgreen in the county of Cambridge, covenanted with William Brooks for two hundred guineas, to make him

him his curate, and to resign to him his rectory, when he would be requested to do it. But by *Holt* chief justice, simony is an offence by the canon law, of which the common law doth not take notice to punish it; for there is not a word of *simony* in the statute of Elizabeth, but of buying and selling: Then it would be very unjust, if ecclesiastical persons might offend against their ecclesiastical duty in such instances, of which the common law cannot take notice to punish them, and yet the king's bench should prohibit the spiritual court from inflicting punishment according to their law: The clergy are subject to a law different from that to which laymen are subject; for they are subject to obey the canons; for the convocation of the clergy may make laws to bind all the clerks, but not the lay people; and if the clergy do not conform themselves, it will be cause of deprivation.

Then the counsel for the bishop said, that another article against the bishop was, that he took excessive fees, for conferring orders, institutions, visitations, and the like; which amounts to extortion: and therefore is punishable by indictment at the common law; and the rather, because they shew custom for the said fees, and the spiritual court cannot try custom or not. But it was answered, and agreed to by the court; that these offences in the spiritual court, and by the canon law, are simony. And by *Holt* chief justice; by the canon law, and of common right, no parson ought to take any thing for christening of children, burials, or the like, but by custom they are allowed to take something; and procurations are suable only in the spiritual court, and are merely an ecclesiastical duty; and it is a question, whether the taking more for them than ought to be taken, can be extortion at common law; and in the present case, the matter of custom is not in question, for then they ought to have laid a positive custom to take such a sum, which is not here, but only that he took more than the usual fees: but if the custom had been laid, it seemed to him, that a prohibition would not have lain; because it concerns mere ecclesiastical persons and rights, and therefore may be founded upon their ecclesiastical constitutions.

Then the counsel for the bishop said, that another article against him was, that he ordained a man, and did not administer to him the oaths according to the 1 *W.* and yet certified under his episcopal seal that he had taken the oaths, whereas he had not taken them; which is punishable by the the statute of the 1 *W.* at common law,

being a breach of the statute. But to this it was answered by the court, that the statute hath made it now part of the office of a bishop, to tender the oaths upon ordination; and then the metropolitan may proceed against a bishop, if he doth not obey the statute in this point, for proceeding contrary to his office of bishop.

Then the counsel for the bishop argued, that another article against him was, that he had ordained a man under age; that the bishop made his defence and said, that the churchwardens had certified to him that he was of full age; to which the promotor answered, that the certificate was forged, for the said churchwardens did not certify, and one of them could not write; so that this article imports forgery, and therefore examinable and punishable at the common law; and since the act of uniformity hath altered the law, they ought to proceed on the said act, for ordaining under age. But the court said, that the distinction which would answer almost all these objections, was this; that as to what relates to the office of bishop, and is against his duty as a bishop, the spiritual court may proceed against him, to deprive him, but not punish him as for a temporal offence: In Caudrey's case, 5 Co. upon a special verdict found it appeared, that Caudrey was deprived for preaching against the common prayer; and tho' there was other punishment appointed by the statute, and not deprivation until the second offence, yet it was held, that the spiritual court might proceed by their own law, and deprive him for the first; it being against the duty of his office as a minister, and they having power to purge their body of all scandalous members.

Another article was, for the abuse of the charity at Brecknock, and for putting out the schoolmaster there, and for detaining a deed of exemplification. And a prohibition was granted as to this article, but denied as to the rest. *L. Raym.* 447.

A prohibition being denied, the archbishop went on, and many scandalous things were proved against the bishop of St David's, to the satisfaction of the court. But when they were going to give judgment, the bishop, tho' he had waived the privilege of his peerage, and had gone on submitting to the authority of his judge, yet then resumed his privilege. No regard however was had to this plea, since it was not offered in the first instance: and the archbishop pronounced a sentence of deprivation. 2 *Warn.* 656.

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Upon this, the bishop of St David's appealed to the-delegates : and perceiving that they were of opinion to affirm the sentence, he moved again for another prohibition to be granted to the commissioners delegate, to stay their proceedings in the appeal from the sentence of the archbishop ; upon a suggestion, 1. That by the canon law, the archbishop alone could not deprive a bishop. 2. That the delegates refused to admit his allegations.

As to the first ; *Holt* chief justice and the rest held, that an archbishop hath power over his suffragan bishops, and may deprive them ; that tho' there may be a co-ordination amongst the bishops *jure divino*, yet there is a subordination *jure ecclesiastico qua humano* ; not of necessity from the nature of their offices, but for convenience : and for what other purpose have archbishops been instituted by ecclesiastical constitutions ? The power of an archbishop was very great here in England anciently ; and he had the same jurisdiction of supremacy, as the patriarchs of Constantinople and other places. The pope used to call him *alterius orbis papam*, and he exercised the same jurisdiction with him. Theodore, who was archbishop not long after Austin, deprived Winifred bishop of York, for the said see was not then metropolitical, but subject to the archbishop of Canterbury ; and yet at the same time there was a council held, and Beda commends Theodore for it. But afterwards, in the time of Henry the first and king Stephen, the pope usurped the authority of the archbishops ; in exchange for which, they became *legati nati* of the pope. And that is the reason why this practice cannot be found to have been put in use for so long a time. But at this day, by the act of *Hen. 8.* this jurisdiction is restored. It was always admitted that the archbishop had metropolitical jurisdiction, and the bishops swear canonical obedience to him ; and where there is a visitatorial power, there is no reason to question the power of deprivation ; for the same superiority, which gives him power to pass ecclesiastical censures upon the bishops, will give him power to deprive, it being only a different degree of punishment for a different degree of offence. And to question the authority of the archbishop, is to question the very foundations of the government. But *Holt* chief justice said, that tho' he was fully satisfied that the archbishop hath such jurisdiction ; yet he would not make that the ground of denying a prohibition in this case : The matter of the suggestion is, that the archbishop is restrained by the canon law, from proceeding without

the assistance of others : whether he be so or not, is matter proper for the conuance of the delegates upon the appeal, but is no ground to prohibit them from proceeding; and it is without precedent, to grant a prohibition to the ecclesiastical court, because they proceed there contrary to the canons.

Then it was moved, that the court would grant a mandamus to the delegates, to admit the bishop's allegations; and it was compared to the cases where they grant mandamus's to compel the granting of probates of wills, or letters of administration. But by *Holt* chief justice, The king's bench cannot grant a mandamus to them, to compel them to proceed according to their law : Indeed mandamus's are grantable to compel probate of wills, because it concerns temporal right; and to compel the granting of letters of administration, because the statute directs to whom they shall be granted. But in the present case a mandamus was not granted.

Upon the whole, a prohibition was denied by the court; and they ordered that the suggestion be entred on record, that the court might enter their reasons of denial. *L. Raym.* 539.

After which denial of the prohibition, the bishop of St David's petitioned the lord chancellor Somers, to have a writ of error upon this denial of the prohibition. Who having some doubt, whether it would lie or not, referred it to the then attorney general; who certified his opinion to be, that a writ of error would lie in this case. Upon which, the suggestion was entred upon record, and the denial of the prohibition; and the writ of error was granted, and the whole record brought by the chief justice into parliament. And afterwards, upon hearing of his opinion, the lords of parliament were of opinion, that a writ of error would not lie in this case.

And lord Raymond says, that lord chief justice Holt told him, if the lords had been of opinion, that the prohibition ought to have been granted, yet he never would have granted it. *L. Raym.* 545.

And Dr *Watson* was afterwards excommunicated for non-payment of costs; and in Michaelmas term in the 1 *An.* was brought into the court of king's bench upon an *habeas corpus* directed to the sheriff of Middlesex, in order to be discharged. To which writ the sheriff made a long return, in which the *significavit* and *excommunicato capiendo* were shewn at large; by which it appeared, that the defendant was in custody of the sheriff, being arrested upon an

an *excommunicato capiendo*, being excommunicate for non-payment of costs, in which he was condemned by the commissioners delegate. And the return of the habeas corpus being filed (tho' the defendant was informed that the *significavit* was bad, and that by exception taken to it he might be discharged) his counsel offered a plea ingrossed, and signed by counsel, that he long before, and at the time of the prosecution was, and now is bishop of St David's; that he was summoned to parliament in the seventh year of king William, and sat there as bishop, as appeareth by the record; and so concluded in abatement, because a *capias* doth not lie against a peer. And the intent of this plea was, to have the judgment of the king's bench upon it, and upon the same judgment to bring a writ of error in parliament, where he hoped to have judgment in his favour as to the right of the bishoprick, of which he was deprived by the archbishop. And therefore his counsel insisted, that their plea should be received, and that they were ready to try it with the attorney general, whether the defendant was bishop or not; and that if he is bishop, as they say he is, then a *capias* will not lie against him, because he is a peer of parliament. But the court refused at first to receive the plea, 1. Because the defendant is not in custody of the marshal; and therefore he cannot plead so as he has here. 2. He hath not made any conclusion to his plea, and therefore the court doth not know what judgment he desires. 3. All the court held, that bishops are subject to be excommunicated, and if an *excommunicato capiendo* should not lie against them, there would be a judgment without a power of executing it, which is absurd.

But afterwards the defendant amended his plea, and pleaded as in custody of the sheriff of Middlesex. And upon the importunity of the defendant's counsel, the plea was received, and a day given to the queen's attorney general to reply to it, or demur, as he should judge proper. But the attorney general, not being ready for the queen, prayed another day. And afterwards he came and declared to the court, that he would not intermeddle in the matter. Upon which the court said, that since it appeared to them, that the *significavit* was ill, because it did not appear that these costs were adjudged in a cause of ecclesiastical cognizance, they quashed the writ of *excommunicato capiendo*, and discharged the defendant, and refused to take any notice of the plea. *L. Raym.* 817.

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But Dr Watson having been promoted by king James the second, that party, though ashamed of Watson as a corrupt and vicious prelate, yet continued to support him. The archbishop's jurisdiction was therefore excepted against in the house of lords; under a pretence that he could not judge a bishop, but in a synod of the bishops of the province, according to the rules of the primitive times. In answer to which, it was shewn, that from the ninth century downward, both popes and kings had concurred to bring this power singly into the hands of the metropolitans; that it was the constant practice in England before the reformation; and by the provisional clause in the act of the 25 H. 8. empowering a new body of ecclesiastical laws to be drawn, all former laws and customs were to continue in force till that new code was framed; which confirmed the power the metropolitan was then possessed of. Nor could the archbishop erect a new court, or proceed in the trial of a bishop in any other way than in that which was warranted by law or precedent. To this no answer was made (nor could be made;) but yet the business was kept up by the bishop's friends, and at last dropped, with an intimation that it was hoped the see would not be filled, till the house was better satisfied of the archbishop's authority. 2 *Warn.* 656.

But it may not be improper to take notice here, that according to the sense of the canon law, it is not regular to subject suffragans to the censure of the officers of an archbishop (from that reverence which is due to the episcopal office:) And accordingly in the time of archbishop Cranmer, Nix bishop of *Norwich* protested against the proceedings of the archbishop's commissary in his metropolitan visitation; because it was against the dignity of a bishop to be judged or proceeded against by a commissary. *Gibf.* 1006.

Option,

5. Every bishop (Dr Gibson says) whether created or translated, is bound, immediately after confirmation, to make a legal conveyance to the archbishop, of the next avoidance of one such dignity or benefice, belonging to his see, as the said archbishop shall chuse and name; which is therefore commonly called an *option*. Of this we find early mention in the records of the see of Canterbury, among the presentations, institutions, and collations of the archbishops; but with these two variations, that in some places it is said to be due *ratione consecrationis*; and that anciently the person to be promoted was named to the bishop, and not the dignity or benefice he was

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was to be promoted to. But ever since archbishop Cranmer's time at least, the way hath been, to convey the advowson, either of the first dignity or benefice that should fall, or of some one certain, to the archbishop, his executors and assigns, at first for twenty one years, and afterwards for the next avoidance. But in case the bishop dies, or is translated, before the present incumbent of the promotion chosen by the archbishop shall die or be removed, it is generally supposed that the option is void; inasmuch as the grantor, singly and by himself, could not convey any right or title beyond the term of his continuance in that see. *Gibf. 115.*

And if the archbishop dies before the avoidance shall happen, the right of filling up the vacancy shall go to his executors or administrators. As in the case of *Richardson* against *Chapman* and others, Nov. 21. 1759, which was thus: Dr John Potter, late archbishop of Canterbury, being possessed of or intitled to the next presentation to or disposition of, several benefices or dignities in the church, called by the name of options, under grants from the bishops of the province, by virtue of the prerogative of the see of Canterbury, did by his will dated Aug. 12. 1745, bequeath the same in the words following, "I give and bequeath to my executors, all my options, in trust nevertheless, that in disposing of the said options, regard be had, according to their discretion, to my eldest son Mr Potter archdeacon of Oxford, to my sons in law the husbands of my daughters, to my present and former chaplains and other domesticks, particularly to Dr Tunstall my chaplain, and to Mr Hall my librarian; also to my worthy friends and acquaintance, particularly to the reverend Dr Richardson of Cambridge, who will, I hope, in due time, find some opportunity to rectify those mistakes in his printed accounts of my dear and most honoured patron archbishop Tenison, of which he has been by me advertised." And the archbishop appointed Dr Paul, Dr. Andrew, and Dr Chapman his executors.

Dr Andrew died in the life time of the testator. The testator died in October 1747. And Dr Paul and Dr Chapman, the surviving executors, proved the will.

The benefices and establishments in the church, which are called options, are of such nature, that if an option, happening to be vacant, be not filled up during the continuance of the bishop in the same see, upon whose promotion such option arose to the archbishop, such option is gone or lost; as it would be also, if such option should

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not become vacant before the said bishop should die or be translated: and in those instances, the archbishop who made the option, if he be living, or his executors, will not be intitled to present to such options.

The said archbishop, before or after making his will, had amply provided for his said son Dr John Potter, and his sons in law, and Dr Tunstall; and had also promoted Dr Chapman to the value of about 600*l.* a year.

The first option that fell, was the treasurer'ship of the cathedral church of Chichester. And thereunto Dr Paul presented his co-trustee Dr Chapman. Whereupon the said Dr Potter, and the sons in law of the said archbishop, filed their bill in chancery; insisting, that Dr Potter as being first named in the will, and after him the sons in law, were intitled before any others, to be presented to the options as they became vacant. Dr Paul by his answer said, that Dr Chapman having been one of the archbishop's chaplains, he the said Dr Paul taking into consideration, that in case of his death, the sole right of presenting to the options on a vacancy would vest solely in Dr Chapman, and that Dr Chapman might by means thereof be incapable of any legal presentation in form to any option, as he could not present himself, and for want thereof might be hindered from having any of the options for his own benefit, but that the complainants in the said suit or any of the other objects named in the testator's will might at any time afterwards be presented to all the other options on a vacancy,—did therefore present Dr Chapman to the dignity of the treasurer'ship of Chichester; and further said, that he was willing to join in presenting the several other persons named or pointed out by the archbishop in his will to the options, as the same should become vacant; and did not intend, in case Dr Chapman should be established in the treasurer'ship, to present him to any other of the options. Dr Chapman likewise by his answer said, that he was willing and desirous, and believed Dr Paul was willing and desirous, from time to time, as the other remaining options should become vacant, to present thereto the several persons named or pointed out by the archbishop in his will, according to the best of their discretion, and according to the trusts reposed in them. — And Dr Chapman was established in the said treasurer'ship.

The second option that fell, was a rectory with cure of souls; of which no further notice is taken in the report.

After this, Dr. Paul died,

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The third option (which is the option in question) that became vacant, was the precentorship of Lincoln. Whereupon Dr Chapman, who was now the only surviving executor, waited on the bishop of Lincoln, desiring to be admitted into the office or dignity of precentor, as patron of that turn, upon his own prayer, with an offer of exchange for it of preferment in his own possession, for the accommodation of some other of the expectants. The bishop took time to consider of it; and afterwards wrote to Dr Chapman, and informed him, that if he the said Dr Chapman had been absolute patron of that turn, he would have admitted him to the precentorship upon his prayer; but that as it appeared he was not such patron, but only in trust, he desired to see an extract of the archbishop's will, and a copy of the order of the court of chancery relating to the treasurership of Chichester, whereupon he might determine whether he could properly admit Dr Chapman to the precentorship or not.

In the mean time, Dr Chapman took occasion to speak with Mr Venner, nephew to the wife of archbishop Potter, of whose education the archbishop had taken particular care, and for whom he had expressed a great regard, and had promoted him in *Kent* to a living of 100l a year, and expressed his intention to promote him further. Dr Potter also, the archbishop's eldest son, had, sometime after his father's death, applied to the trustees of his options, for some favour in them to Mr Venner. And now, upon this vacancy, Dr Chapman told Mr Venner that he had long intended to serve him, and that an option, the precentorship and canonry residentiary of Lincoln, was at that time vacant, by which he might be benefited or served; and asked him, whether as the canonry itself would not perhaps suit him, he could not like or be satisfied with Dr Chapman's living of Mer-sham, which he knew was commodious to his other living. To this Mr Venner immediately assented. And the bishop having, as aforesaid, signified to Dr Chapman, that it was necessary for him to make a presentation, Dr Chapman did execute a presentation of the said Mr Venner to the precentorship. And thereupon Mr Venner signed a certificate to the bishop, that Dr Chapman had offered to him the said precentorship, but that he chose in lieu thereof, and in the way of exchange, certain other preferment more suitable to him, than in the possession of the said Dr Chapman; humbly requesting, that the bishop, instead of himself, would be pleased to admit Dr Chapman to the precentorship.

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In the mean time, Dr Richardson filed his bill against the several parties, to wit, Dr Chapman, Mr Venner, Dr Tunstall, Mr. Hall, Dr Potter, Dr. Tanner, Dr. Milles, Dr Sayer, and the bishop of Lincoln; charging the several matters before stated, and that the first and principal view of Dr Chapman was, to obtain the precentorship to himself, without resigning any preferment; and when he found a difficulty in so doing, he then first resolved to make use of Venner, by way of exchange of other preferment of less value; that all the persons particularly named in the archbishop's will, had either from the archbishop in his life time, or since his death by means of his options, received some benefit or preferment, except him the said Dr Richardson, who had, since the archbishop's death, altered his printed account of the life of archbishop Tenison, agreeably to the intimation given him by the archbishop in his will: And all the defendants, except the bishop of Lincoln, were required to set forth, whether they claimed to be presented to the said precentorship of Lincoln: And it was prayed, that the said bishop of Lincoln might be restrained by injunction, from doing any act for the induction, installation, or establishment either of Venner, or Chapman, or any other person to the precentorship, till the matter should be determined.

To which bill the several defendants put in their answers. And Chapman and Venner by their answers insisted, that Venner was presented for his own benefit and advantage, and without any agreement or promise whatsoever for an exchange. But Chapman by his answer admitted, that he had for twelve months then last past and upwards, had within himself an intention of making an exchange with Venner for the said option, in case Venner, after his being admitted, should be willing to make such exchange; and believed that the said Venner had been, and should in such case be willing, to make such exchange with him the said Chapman; but that he was not absolutely determined within himself, and therefore could not set forth, in case the said Venner, should be admitted to the vacant option, and should offer to exchange with him for any preferment of his, whether he the said Chapman should or should not comply with such offer; and therefore did not know, nor could form any belief, whether such their intention was at an end.—And the said defendant Venner by his answer said, that in case he had been inducted into and in the possession of the said vacant

vacant option, upon the presentation made by Chapman, without any obstruction or impediment attending the same; he the said defendant Venner, after such induction, should have been willing, and did within himself intend, to exchange the same with the defendant Chapman, for his living of Mertham, or some other preferment in the possession of him the said Chapman, in case Chapman would have consented thereto: and said, that he was, at the time of putting in his answer, inclined to believe, that he shall and doth intend, after his being inducted into and in possession of the option, to exchange the same with the defendant Chapman for his living of Mertham, in case the defendant Chapman would consent thereto.—And the defendants Dr Potter, Dr Sayer, Dr Tanner, and Dr Milles, by their answers renounced and resigned all right or claim of being nominated or presented to the said presentorship. And Dr Tanner and Dr Milles said, they were the more willingly induced to relinquish all right or claim thereto, in order to open the way to the plaintiff, whom they knew to be a person very much respected by the late archbishop Potter in his life time. — The defendants Tunstall and Hall by their answers insisted on a prior right to the plaintiff, under the trust of the archbishop's options, being named next after his son and sons in-law. But not appearing to the appeal afterwards, they relinquished thereby their claim. — The bishop by his answer said, that he was willing to be restrained as aforesaid, until the right should be determined.

After a full hearing of the cause before the lord keeper, the 17th, 19th, 20th, and 21st days of November, 1759; his lordship, after stating the case, delivered his opinion to the following effect: "The arguing of this cause hath taken up much time, but the merits of it lie in a small compass. The whole question is reducible to this single consideration, whether the archbishop has or has not given his options, with any imperative words, whereby a right is derived to any of the persons named in his will. This is a particular kind of trust, in which great latitude is left to the judgment of the trustees. It is difficult to say, whether any of the persons named were intitled or not to any of these options *jure remediali*. Yet I have no doubt to say, this court would not have suffered Dr Chapman to have abused his trust, by taking any thing to himself. Nay I will go farther, and say, that if here was sufficient proof, that the defendant Chapman had made a bargain with Mr Venner for presenting him to

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his option, I would set aside such presentation with indignation. I own there is strong foundation of suspicion and jealousy, that such was the original of Venner's merit with Chapman: But then it is expressly denied both by Dr Chapman and Mr Venner, in their answers to the bill, that there was any agreement between them at the time of Chapman's presentation of Mr Venner; but that it was merely a transaction to serve Mr Venner. And I must give credit to these answers upon oath, whatever may be my suspicions to the contrary. For it would be dangerous, if this court was to make its decrees on jealousies and suspicions, and not on facts. It is plain, the defendant Chapman meant to take this option at first to himself; but when that was checked by the bishop of Lincoln, then the evidence is, that Chapman presented Venner without any agreement between them for that purpose. This trust, in my opinion, is only a personal confidence, or *jus precarium*, according to lord Bacon's distinction and definition: And in the Roman law, the *fidei commissum* was precarious, so late as till Augustus's time. By the rules of this court, a request in a will at this day is imperative: but then there ought to be a particular person named and pointed out, who is to take the benefit. As to these options themselves, the archbishop's right to them is not a right of property, but of prerogative; and in their very nature they partake of a trust, to be disposed of for publick utility. In my opinion, the archbishop has communicated his right to his executors, as freely as he would have exercised it himself; directing them at the same time to have a regard to those he himself had a regard to. But supposing the defendant Venner to be excluded from his precentorship, whom must this court honour with this preferment? There are a number of persons named in the archbishop's will: It would be impossible for this court, to take the personal merits of each of them into consideration, as the archbishop and his executors might do, who were personally acquainted with them. But it has been said, that Venner will resign in favour of Dr Chapman; and so by that means he will obtain this preferment at last to himself: But this cannot be done without the intervention of the bishop of Lincoln; and in such case Dr Chapman would take this preferment upon the bishop's presentation; whose worth and honour I know so well, that I am sure he would give no countenance to any transaction that was wrong. Upon the whole then, the archbishop's will is

reduced to a dilemma, which neither side contends for: First, If it is to be taken as a rogation or request made by the archbishop, then I see no reason why the persons named in the will might not take as they are named in the will *in ordine* and in succession, which is a thing I would not chuse to say sitting in this court,—that the fruits of this ecclesiastical prerogative, trusted to the archbishop himself for purposes of publick utility, should be doled out by this court to the husbands of his daughters, and smelling rankly of marriage brocage. Then, Secondly, I must say, this was a full delegation of the archbishop's authority to his executors, and consequently discretionary. In my opinion, Mr Venner is the properest object of this option. Dr Tunstall, as hath been proved, hath a provision of 500l. a year; Mr Hall has two livings; Dr Richardson is master of Emanuel college; and Mr Venner, who was a nephew of Mrs Potter's, and adopted by the archbishop, has a family and 100l. a year."——And the bill was dismissed.

But on appeal to the house of lords by Dr Richardson, Mar. 22. 1760. After a full hearing of three days, the lords ordered so much of the decree as was complained of by the appellant to be reversed; and that Dr Chapman should present Dr Richardson to the precentorship, and pay the said Dr Richardson's costs in the said cause in the court of chancery.

6. The archbishop of the province is intitled to the Seal, seals of a bishop deceased. And this is no more than a just and reasonable provision against their being used to ill purposes by executors, or others; to prevent which, they are to be broken. *Gibf.* 133.

VIII. Of *suffragan* bishops.

1. In former times many bishops had their suffragans, who were also consecrated as other bishops were. These, in the absence of the bishops upon embassies, or in multiplicity of business, did supply their places in matters of orders, but not of jurisdiction. They were anciently called *chorepiscopi*, or bishops of the *country*, by way of distinction from the proper bishops of the *city* or *see*. They were also called subsidiary bishops, or bishops *suffragan* (from *suffragari*, to help or assist); and were titular bishops, consecrated by the archbishop of the province, to execute such power and authority, and to receive such profits, as were limited in their commissions by the bishops or dioc-

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fans whose suffragans they were. *God. 30. Gibf. 134. Wood, b. 1. c. 3.*

Also, in a less proper sense, all the provincial bishops, with respect to the archbishop, are sometimes called his suffragans.

Sees of suffragan bishops.

2. By the 26 H. 8. c. 14. *Forasmuch as no provision hitherto hath been made for suffragans, which have been accustomed to be had within this realm, for the more speedy administration of the sacraments and other good wholesome and devout things and laudable ceremonies, to the increase of God's honour, and for the commodity of good and devout people, it is enacted, that the towns of Thetford, Ipswich, Colchester, Dover, Guilford, Southampton, Taunton, Shaftsbury, Molton, Marlborough, Bedford, Leicester, Gloucester, Shrewsbury, Bristow, Penreth, Bridgwater, Nottingham, Grantham, Hull, Huntingdon, Cambridge, and the towns of Pereth, and Berwick, St Germans in Cornwall, and the isle of Wight, shall be taken and accepted for sees of bishops suffragans. f. 1.*

Forasmuch as no provision hitherto hath been made] That is, by act of parliament; as had been for archbishops and bishops by the 25 H. 8. c. 20.

The towns of Thetford, &c.] The suffragans have their sees in towns; and not in cities, as the bishops in England have.

Nomination of a suffragan bishop.

3. And every archbishop and bishop, being disposed to have any suffragan, shall name two honest and discreet spiritual persons, being learned and of good conversation, and present them to the king, by writing under their seals, making humble request to his majesty, to give to one such of the said two persons as shall please his majesty, such title name stile and dignity of bishop of such of the sees above specified, as he shall think most convenient. And the king, upon such presentation, shall have power to give him the stile title and name of a bishop of such of the sees aforesaid, as he shall think convenient; so it be within the province whereof the bishop that doth name him is. And he shall be called bishop suffragan of the same see. 26 H. 8. c. 14. f. 1, 2.

Of such of the sees aforesaid as he shall think convenient] As there are not sees for suffragans appointed in every diocess, so neither is the king obliged to give the suffragan a title within the diocese of the bishop who doth recommend him; but he may (without regard to the diocese wherein they are to officiate) give them any of the titles mentioned in this act: nevertheless, generally, the titles have

have been given within the dioceses they were to assist in.
Gibf. 134.

4. And after such title, stile and name so given, the king shall present him by his letters patents under the great seal, to the archbishop of the province, requiring him to consecrate the said person, and to give him such other benedictions and ceremonies, as to the degree and office of a bishop suffragan shall be requisite. 26 H. 8. c. 14. f. 3. Mandate for consecration.

To the archbishop of the province] By the canon law, the consecration was to be by the bishop, assisted by two neighbouring bishops. Gibf. 135.

5. And the bishop that shall nominate the suffragan, or the suffragan himself that shall be nominate, shall provide two bishops or suffragans to consecrate him with the archbishop, and shall bear their reasonable costs. 26 H. 8. c. 14. f. 7. Consecration of a suffragan bishop.

And the archbishop having no lawful impediment, shall consecrate such suffragan, within three months next after the letters patents shall come to his hands. f. 5.

6. And the person so consecrated, shall have such capacity power authority and reputation, concerning the execution of such commission as by any of the said archbishops or bishops within their diocese shall be given to the said suffragans, as to suffragans of this realm heretofore hath been used and accustomed. 26 H. 8. c. 14. f. 4. His power.

Heretofore hath been used and accustomed] There is no doubt, but the persons received to be suffragan bishops in England, before the making of this act, were confined to the exercise of such powers only, as they had commission for from time to time; supposing the proper bishop not to be wholly disabled by infirmities of body or mind; and therefore the limiting them to such commissions here, was only a continuance of them in their former state. Gibf. 135.

And their office usually was, to confirm, ordain, dedicate churches, and the like; that is, to execute those things which pertain to the episcopal office: as to jurisdiction, and temporalities, these (in case of the infirmities of a bishop in body or mind) were put under the management of a coadjutor, constituted by the archbishop. Gibf. 134.

And by the said statute of the 26 H. 8. c. 14. it is provided, that no such suffragans shall take any profits of the places and sees whereof they shall be named, nor have or use any jurisdiction or episcopal authority within the said sees, nor within any diocese or place, but only such profits jurisdiction

and authority as shall be licensed and limited to them by any archbishop or bishop within their diocese to whom they shall be suffragans, by commission under their seals; and every archbishop and bishop for their own particular diocese, may give such commission to such suffragan as hath been accustomed, or as shall by them be thought requisite reasonable and convenient: and no suffragan shall use any jurisdiction ordinary, or episcopal power, otherwise, nor longer time than shall be limited by such commission; on pain of a præmunire. f. 6.

His residence.

7. And the residence of him that shall be suffragan over the diocese where he shall have commission, shall serve him for his residence as sufficiently as if he were resident upon any other his benefice. 26 H. 8. c. 14. f. 7.

May hold two livings.

8. And such suffragan exercising the said office by such commission as aforesaid, for the better maintenance of his dignity may have two benefices with cure. 26 H. 8. c. 14. f. 8.

Suffragans dis-
vied.

9. Suffragans have been now disused for many years; and indeed they are not now so necessary, as they were in the times of popery; the bishops then having much more employment, in the matter of benedictions, consecrations, and the like: nevertheless, suffragans may still be of great use; especially sometimes in the article of confirmation; where the dioceses are very large, and the diocesan perhaps very infirm.

In king Charles the second's declaration touching ecclesiastical affairs; immediately before his restoration, one head is as follows:—Because the dioceses, especially some of them, are thought to be of too large extent; we will appoint such number of suffragan bishops in every diocese, as shall be sufficient for the due performance of their work. *Gibbs*. 134.

IX. Of coadjutors.

It was an ancient custom in the church, that when a bishop grew very aged, or otherwise unfit to discharge the episcopal office, a *coadjutor* was taken by him or given to him; at first, in order to succeed him, but in later times only to be an assistant during life; in matters chiefly of jurisdiction, as in collating to benefices, granting institutions, dispensations, and the like: and in this case it was not necessary that such coadjutor should be episcopally ordained. But the duties merely episcopal, as the conferring orders, confirmation, and consecrations of divers kinds, were in such case committed to the suffra-
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gan bishop, as hath been said. And this was the practice here in England especially: The two ends, of orders, and of jurisdiction voluntary, in case of the inability of a bishop, were answered by two several persons; the first under the name of suffragan, and the second under the name of coadjutor. *Gibf.* 137.

In the canon law, direction is given for a coadjutor also to an *archdeacon*; and in our ecclesiastical records, there are many instances, modern as well as ancient, of coadjutors given to other dignitaries, and also to incumbents of benefices. *Gibf.* 137.

Blasphemy. See **Profaneness**.

Bona notabilia. See **Wills**.

Bond of resignation. See **Simony**.

Books belonging to the church. See **Church**.

Books belonging to parochial libraries. See **Library**.

Boscage.

BOSCAGE (perhaps from *Boon*, to feed) seemeth to be that food which wood and trees do yield unto cattle, as of the leaves and croppings; and herein differeth from *pannage*, which consisteth of the fruit of such trees, as acorns, crabs, or mast; which, as yielding a tithe, are treated of under the title **Tithes**.

Boundaries of Parishes. See **Parish**.

Brawling in the church or church-yard. See **Church**.

Briefs.

1. **BY** the 4 *An. c.* 14. When letters patents, commonly called briefs, shall be issued out of chancery, copies thereof to the number required by the petitioners,

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tioners, and no more, shall be printed by the printer of the queen, her heirs or successors, at the usual rates for printing.

2. The printer shall deliver the same to such persons only, as shall by the consent of a majority of the petitioners undertake the laying or disposing of them.

3. The undertaker shall give to the printer a receipt for the same, expressing therein the number of copies; which printer shall forthwith deliver the receipt, or an attested copy thereof, to the register of the court of chancery, to be filed there.

4. The undertaker shall next cause all the printed copies to be indorsed, or marked, in some convenient part, with the name of one trustee (or more), written with his own hand, and the time of signing.

5. And he shall also cause them to be stamped with a proper stamp, to be made for that purpose, and kept by the register of the court of chancery. And if any person shall counterfeit the stamp, he shall be set in the pillory for an hour.

6. This done, he shall with all convenient speed send, or deliver them to the churchwardens or chapelwardens, and to the teachers and preachers of every separate congregation, and to any person who hath taught or preached among quakers.

7. Which persons, immediately after receipt, shall indorse the time of receiving, and set their names.

8. Then the churchwardens or chapelwardens shall forthwith deliver them to the minister.

9. And the ministers, on receipt, shall indorse the time, and set their names.

10. Then the ministers (and teachers respectively), in two months after receipt, shall on some sunday, immediately before sermon, openly read or cause them to be read to the congregation.

11. Then the churchwardens and chapelwardens (and teachers and others to whom they were delivered) shall collect the money that shall be freely given, either in the assembly, or by going from house to house, as the briefs require.

12. Next; the sum collected, the place where, and time when, shall be indorsed fairly written in words at length, according to the form to be printed on the back of each brief, and signed by the minister and churchwardens; or by the teacher and two elders or two other substantial persons of such separate congregation.

13. After-

13. Afterwards, on request of the undertaker (or other person by him lawfully authorized), which he is required to make within six months after the briefs were first delivered into the respective parishes, on pain of 20 l. to be recovered by action at law,—the churchwardens and teachers shall deliver to him the briefs so indorsed, and the money thereon collected, taking his receipt for the same in some book to be kept for that purpose.

14. Every minister, curate, teacher, preacher, churchwarden, chapelwarden, and quaker, refusing or neglecting to do any thing above required, shall forfeit 20 l; to be recovered by action of debt, bill, plaint, or information.

15. And in every parish, or chapelry, and separate congregation, a register shall be kept by the minister or teacher, of all monies collected by virtue of such briefs, therein also inserting the occasion of the brief, and the time when collected; to which all persons at all times may resort without fee.

16. And the undertaker shall enter in a book the number of briefs; when signed, and sent, and whither, and when received back.

17. And the briefs so received back shall be deposited by him with the register of the court of chancery. And if the whole number shall not be returned, the undertaker for every one not returned (thro' default of him or his agents) shall forfeit 50 l; unless he shall prove that it was lost or destroyed by inevitable accident; and shall pay the money collected thereon.

18. And the undertaker, in two months after he has received the money, and after notice thereof to the sufferers, shall account before a master in chancery; and shall be allowed all just charges.

19. And if any shall purchase or farm charity money on briefs; such contract shall be void, and the purchaser shall forfeit 500 l. to be recovered by action at law; the same to be applied (as also the other penalties) to the use of the sufferers.

The usual charges of suing out a brief, with the collections thereupon, may be best understood from an instance given.

Briefs.

For the parish church of Ravenstondale in the county of Westmorland.

	l	s	d
Lodging the certificate	0	7	6
Fiat and signing	19	4	2
Letters patent	21	18	2
Printing and paper	16	0	0
Teller and porter	0	5	0
Stamping	13	12	6
Copy of the brief	0	5	0
Portage to and from the stampers	0	5	0
Matts &c. for packing	0	4	0
Portage to the waggons	0	4	0
Carriage to the undertaker at Stafford	1	11	6
Postage of letters and certificate	0	4	8
Clerks fees	2	2	0

	l	s	d
Total of the patent charges	—	76	3 6
Salary for 9986 briefs at 6 d. each	—	249	13 0
Additional salary for London	—	5	0 0

The whole charges — 330 16 6

	l	s	d
Collected on 9986 briefs	614	12	9
Charges	330	16	6
Clear collection	283	16	3

Collections	9986
Blanks	503

Total number of briefs 10489

Bruera.

BRUERA, in the french *bruyere*, in domesday book called *bruaria*, is an unprofitable kind of ground, but not wholly barren; for thereon sheep and beasts will browse: and some poor people apply the flags and turfs thereof for fuel. And this kind of heath ground cannot without great skill, charge, and industry be converted

ed to tillage; and therefore by the statute of the 2 & 3 Ed. 6. c. 13. it is discharged from the payment of hay and corn tithes for seven years after the improvement. It sendeth a flower in autumn (when all others cease) which bees do exceedingly covet. Some say it is a kind of wild tamarisk. And in Lincolnshire, a religious house was called *Temple bruer*; because it was seated in the heath.

And this is no other than what in the northern parts of England is called *ling*.

Buggery.

1. **B**UGGERY is a detestable and abominable sin, What it is, committed by carnal knowledge, against the ordinance of the Creator and order of nature, by mankind with mankind or with brute beast, or by womankind with brute beast. 3 *Inst.* 58.

2. By the 25 H. 8. c. 6. Forasmuch as there is not yet sufficient and condign punishment appointed by the laws of this realm, for the detestable and abominable vice of buggery committed with mankind or beast; it is enacted, that the same offence shall be felony without benefit of clergy: and the justices of the peace shall have power to hear and determine the same, as in cases of other felonies. Punishment.

3. If the party buggered be within the age of discretion, it is no felony in him, but in the agent only. Infants, 3 *Inst.* 59.

4. The statute making it felony generally, there may be accessaries both before and after. 1 H. H. 670. Accessary.

But those that are *present*, aiding and abetting, are all principals. *Id.*

And altho' none of the principals are admitted to their clergy, yet accessaries both before and after are not excluded from clergy. *Id.*

5. By the 22 G. 2. c. 33. Art. 29. If any person in Navy, the fleet shall commit the unnatural and detestable sin of buggery or sodomy with man or beast; he shall be punished with death, by the sentence of a court martial.

6. This crime is excepted out of the act of general pardon, pardon, of the 20 G. 2. c. 52.

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7. In the case of *Higgin and Coppinger, T. 9 C.* where the defamation, for which suit was depending in the spiritual court, was buggery, and prohibition prayed; the court granted it, by reason that the offence was made felony; and, there being no saving in the act for the spiritual jurisdiction, the spiritual court could not have cognisance of the principal offence, nor by consequence of the defamation arising from it. *W. Jones 320. Gibf. 1080.*

Bull.

BULL, *bullo*, was a brief or mandate of the pope or bishop of Rome; so called from the seal of lead, or sometimes of gold, affixed to it. To procure, publish, or put in, any of these, is by act of parliament made high treason.

Burial.

Original of burying places.

1. **A**S to the original of burying places, many writers have observed, that at the first erection of churches, no part of the adjacent ground was allotted for interment of the dead, but some place for this purpose was appointed at a farther distance. Especially in cities and populous towns, where agreeable to the old roman law of the twelve tables, the place of inhumation was without the walls, first indefinitely by the way side, then in some peculiar inclosure assigned to that use. Therefore the roman pontifical, amongst other inventions, is in this matter convicted of error, that it makes pope Marcellus under the tyrant Maxentius appoint twenty five churches in Rome to bury martyrs in; when at that time laws and customs did forbid all burial within the city. Hence the Augustine monastery was built without the walls of Canterbury (as Ethelbert and Augustine in both their charters intimate) that it might be a dormitory to them and their successors the kings and archbishops for ever. This practice of remoter burials continued to the age of

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Gregory the great, when the monks and priests beginning to offer for souls departed, procured leave for their greater ease and profit, that a liberty of sepulture might be in churches, or in places adjoining to them. This mercenary reason seems to be acknowledged by pope Gregory himself, whilst he allows, that when the parties deceasing are not burdened with heavy sins, it may then be a benefit to them to be buried in churches, because their friends and relations as often as they come to these sacred places, seeing their graves, may remember them, and pray to God for them. After this, Cuthbert archbishop of Canterbury brought over from Rome this practice into England about the year 750, from which time they date the original of churchyards in this island. This was a sufficient argument of the learned Sir Henry Spelman, to prove an inscription at Glattenbury to be a later forgery, because it pretends *dominus ecclesiam ipsam cum cœmeterio dedicarat*, whereas there was no cœmeterium in England till above 700 years after the date of that fiction. The practices of burying within the churches, did indeed (tho' more rarely) obtain before the use of churchyards, but was by authority restrained, when churchyards were frequent and appropriated to that use. For among those canons which seem to have been made before Edward the confessor, the ninth bears this title, *De non sepeliendo in ecclesiis*, and begins with a confession that such a custom had prevailed, but must be now reformed, and no such liberty allowed for the future; unless the person be a priest or some holy man, who by the merits of his past life might deserve such a peculiar favour. However, at the first it was the nave or body of the church, that was permitted to be a repository of the dead, and chiefly under arches by the side of the walls. Lanfranc archbishop of Canterbury seems to have been the first who brought up the practice of vaults in chancels, and under the very altars, when he had rebuilt the church of Canterbury about the year 1075. *Ken. Par. Ant.* 592, 593.

2. No person may be buried in the church, or in any part of it, without the consent of the incumbent. Burying in the church. In some of the foreign canons, it is said, without consent of bishop and incumbent; in others, without consent of bishop or incumbent. But our common law hath given this privilege to the parson only, exclusive of the bishop, in a resolution in the case of *Frances and Ley*, *H. 12 Jac.* (*Cro. Jac.* 367) that neither the ordinary himself, nor the church.

churchwardens, can grant licence of burying to any within the church, but the parson only; because the soil and freehold of the church is only in the parson, and in none other. Which right of giving leave will appear to belong to the parson, not as having the freehold (at least not in that respect alone), but in his general capacity of incumbent, and as the person whom the ecclesiastical laws appointed the judge of the fitness or unfitness of this or that person, to have the favour of being buried in the church. For anciently (as was said) the burying not only in temples and churches, but even in cities, was expressly prohibited. And afterwards when the burying in churches came to be allowed and practised, the canon law directeth, that none but persons of extraordinary merit shall be buried there; of which merit (and by consequence, of the reasonableness of granting or denying that indulgence) the incumbent was in reason the most proper judge, and was accordingly so constituted by the laws of the church, without any regard to the common law notion of the freehold's being in him, which if it proves any thing in the present case, proves too much; that neither without the like leave, may they bury in the churchyard, because the freehold of that is also declared to be in him. *Gibf. 453.*

Upon the like foundation of freehold, the common law hath one exception to this necessity of the leave of the parson: namely, where a burying place within the church is prescribed for as belonging to a manor house, the freehold of which they say is in the owner of that house, and that by consequence he hath a good action at law, if he is hindered to bury there. *Gibf. 453.*

Yet nevertheless, the churchwardens also by custom may have a fee for every burial within the church; by reason the parish is at the charge of repairing the floor. *Watf. c. 39.*

But there is good reason, that any parishioner, at his discretion, shall not have the liberty of burying there: especially upon account of the health of the inhabitants to be assembled there for religious worship.

3. The reason given by Gregory the great, why it was more profitable to be buried within the precincts of the church, than at a distance, was, because their neighbours as often as they come to those sacred places, remembering those whose sepulchres they behold, do put forth prayers for them unto God. Which reason was afterwards

afterwards transferred into the body of the canon law. And this superstition of praying for the dead, seems to have been the true original of churchyards, as encompassing, or adjoining to the church. Which being laid out and inclosed for the common burial places of the respective parishioners, every parishioner hath and always had a right to be buried in them. *Gibb. 453.*

For by the custom of England, any person may be buried in the churchyard of the parish where he dies, without paying any thing for breaking the soil. *Degge, P. 1. c. 12.*

But ordinarily it seemeth, that a person may not be buried in the churchyard of another parish than that wherein he died, at least without the consent of the parishioners or churchwardens, whose parochial right of burial is invaded thereby, and perhaps also of the incumbent whose soil is broken: As in the case of the churchwardens of *Harrow on the hill*, it is said, that upon a process against them some years ago, for suffering strangers to be buried in their churchyard, and their appearing and confessing the charge they were admonished by the ecclesiastical judge, not to suffer the same for the future.

But where a parishioner dieth in his journey, or otherwise, out of the parish, perhaps it may be otherwise: As it seemeth to be, where there is a family vault or burying place, in the church, or chancel, or ile thereof.

4. By the civil law, dead bodies ought not to be hindered from burial for debt, as vulgarly supposed; which seemed to be allowed by the law of the twelve tables. Whether burial may be hindered for debt.

Word Civ. L. 143, 144. 2 Domat, 628

And Lindwood says, heretofore the law was, that the burial of a dead person might be delayed for debt; but this was afterwards abolished; for death dissolveth all things; and albeit a man in his life time may in some cases be imprisoned for debt, yet his dead body shall not be disturbed. *Lind. 278.*

And this seemeth to be implied in the statute of the 32 G. 2. c. 28. which requires the bailiff arresting any person for debt, not to carry him to any alehouse or other such place without his free consent; and requires the bailiff to deliver to the person arrested, a copy of the clauses in the said act relating to arrests; and many other such particulars: none of which are in any respect applicable to a dead person.

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But altho' the interment of a dead person may not be hindred for debt, yet after attainder for treason or felony, and before execution, a person, tho' in some respects he is said to be *civiliter mortuus*, yet is liable to be charged at the suit of his creditors. As was the case of *Æneas Macdonald*, attainted of treason committed by him in the year 1745. Upon which occasion Sir *Michael Foster* observes, that the person of a man under attainder is not absolutely at the disposal of the crown. It is so for the ends of publick justice, but for no other purpose. The king may order execution to be done upon him according to law, notwithstanding he may be charged in custody at the suit of creditors. But till execution is done, his creditors have an interest in his person for securing their debts. And he himself as long as he liveth, is under the protection of the law. To kill him without warrant of law is murder; for which the murderer is liable to a prosecution at the suit of the crown, and likewise to an appeal at the suit of the widow. For tho' his heir is arred by the attainder, which corrupteth his blood, and dissolveth all relations grounded on consanguinity, yet the relation grounded on the matrimonial contract continueth till death. And if a person under an attainder be beat or maimed, or a woman in the like circumstances ravished, they may, after a pardon, maintain an action or appeal, as their cases respectively may require. And tho' before a pardon, they are disabled to sue in their own names, there seems to be no doubt but that they are intitled to prosecute, according to the nature of their respective cases, in the name of the king; who will do equal right to all his subjects. *Foster's Crown law* 62.

In the same year 1745, a remakable case happened after the rebel affizes at Carlisle, where some of the rebels died after their attainder, and before execution. The question was, Whether they should be admitted to christian burial? And the then lord bishop of the diocese requested the opinion of a very learned gentleman; who made the following remarks and extracts for his lordship's consideration:

It is certain, that after execution, the bodies being at the king's disposal, are, for the publick example, and for the greater terror unto others, never admitted to christian burial; and this seemeth to have been the law of the church of England from two ancient canons, by the former of which it is ordained as follows: *Concerning those who*

who by any fault inflict death upon themselves, let there be no commemoration of them in the oblation, as likewise for them who are punished for their crimes; nor shall their corpses be carried unto the grave with psalms. By the latter — If any shall voluntarily kill himself by arms, or by any instigation of the devil, it is not permitted that for such a person any masses be sung, nor shall his body be put into the ground with any singing of a psalm, nor shall he be buried in pure sepulture. The same shall be done to him, who for his guilt endeth his life by torments, as a thief, murderer, and betrayer of his lord. Canones editi sub Edgardo rege: Wilk. Concil. V. 1. p. 225, 232. Johnf. A. D. 740. No. 96. and A. D. 963. No. 24.

But before execution, the case seemeth to be different. Mr. Hawkins says, the judgment in high treason is, that he shall be carried back to the place from whence he came, and from thence be drawn to the place of execution, and be there hanged by the neck, and cut down alive, and that his entrails be taken out and burnt before his face, and his head cut off, and his body divided into four quarters and disposed of at the king's pleasure. 2 Haw. 443.

And lord Coke says; Albeit judgment be given against a man in case of treason or felony, yet his body is not forfeited to the king, but until execution remaineth his own; and therefore before execution, if he be slain without authority of law, his wife shall have an appeal; for notwithstanding the attainder he remained her husband. 3 Inst. 215.

So if a man commit treason, and after judgment become of non sane memory, he shall not be executed; for it cannot be example to others. 3 Inst. 4.

So if the gaoler keep a prisoner more straightly than he ought of right, whereof the prisoner dieth, this is felony in the gaoler by the common law; and this is the cause, that if a prisoner die in prison, the coroner ought to sit upon him. 3 Inst. 91.

And particularly that the church admitteth such persons to christian burial, seemeth somewhat evident, in that he admits them to the receiving of the holy communion, and other rites of the church, during the time of their condemnation, and approves of the ministers of the church of England attending them to the last extremity. — And these rebels were admitted to christian burial.

5. By the 30 C. 2. st. 1. c. 3. For the encouragement ^{Burying in wool-} of the woollen manufactures, and prevention of the ex-^{len.} portation

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portation of money for the importing of linen, it is enacted, that no corps of any person shall be buried in any shirt shift sheet or shroud or any thing whatsoever made or mingled with flax hemp silk hair gold or silver, or in any stuff or thing, other than what is made of sheep's wool only; on pain of 5*l.* *s.* 3.

And all persons in holy orders, deans, parsons, deacons, vicars, curates and their substitutes, shall take an account and keep a register of every person buried within their respective precincts, or in such common burial places as their respective parishioners are usually buried; and one of the relations of the party deceased, or other credible person, shall within eight days next after the interment, bring an affidavit in writing under the hands and seals of two or more witnesses, and under the hand of the magistrate or officer before whom the same was sworn (for which nothing shall be paid), to the minister or parson, that the said person was not put in wrapt or wound up or buried, in any shirt shift sheet or shroud, made or mingled with flax hemp silk hair gold or silver, or other than what is made of sheep's wool only; or in any coffin lined or faced with any cloth stuff or any other thing, made or mingled with flax hemp silk hair gold or silver, or any other material, but sheep's wool only: And if no relation of the party buried or other person shall bring an affidavit as aforesaid to the parson or minister within the time aforesaid, then the goods and chattels of the party deceased shall be liable to the said forfeiture of 5*l.*; to be levied by way of distress and sale thereof, by warrant of the chief magistrate in a town corporate, or any justice of the peace; or in default thereof, by like distress and sale of the goods of the person in whose house the party died, or of any that had a hand in putting such person into any shirt shift sheet shroud or coffin contrary to this act, or did order or dispose the doing thereof; and in case such person were a servant, and died in the family of his master or mistress, the same shall be levied on the goods of such master or mistress; and if such person died in the family of his father or mother, then the same to be levied on the goods of such father or mother: which said forfeiture shall be levied paid and allowed out of the estate of the deceased person, before any statute judgment debt legacy or other duty whatsoever. *s.* 4.

The said affidavit to be made or taken before a justice of the peace, or master of chancery, mayor or other chief officer of the city county borough corporation or market town,

town, where the party was buried; who shall administer the said oath, and attest the same under their hands upon such affidavit gratis: And if no such affidavit shall be brought to the minister where the party was buried within eight days, such minister shall forthwith give or cause notice thereof to be given in writing under his hand, to the churchwardens or overseers of the poor of such parish; who shall within eight days after such notice, repair to the chief magistrate in a town corporate, if such party was buried there, or else to any justice of the peace, who upon the certificate thereof from such minister, shall forthwith grant a warrant for levying the forfeiture: Half of which forfeitures shall be, to the poor of the parish where the party shall be buried, and half to him that shall sue for the same; to be recovered by warrant of the chief magistrate or any justice of the peace, in the city town corporate or county where such party was buried. *f. 5.*

And if any minister shall neglect to give notice to the churchwardens or overseers of the poor as aforesaid, or not give unto them a note or certificate under his hand testifying that such affidavit and certificate was not brought to him within the time limited; or if the churchwardens or overseers of the poor shall not within eight days after the receipt of such certificate, repair to such chief magistrate or justice of the peace with such certificate, and shew the same to him, and demand his warrant thereupon for levying the forfeiture; and if such chief magistrate or justice of the peace shall neglect his duty in not issuing his warrant for levying the same: he shall forfeit $\text{5}l$ to be recovered by him that shall sue, with full costs, so as the suit be commenced within six months; one fourth to the king, two fourths to the poor of the parish where the offender shall dwell, and one fourth to him who shall sue. *f. 6.*

And the minister of every parish shall keep a register, in a book to be provided at the charge of the parish, and make a true entry of all burials within his parish, and of all affidavits brought to him as aforesaid; and where no such affidavit shall be brought to him within such time, he shall enter a memorial thereof in the said registry, against the name of the party interred, and of the time when he notified the same to the churchwardens or overseers of the poor. *f. 7.*

And when the overseers do give up their accounts to the justices, they shall give an account of the name and

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quality of every person interred within the parish from the time of their former account, and of such certificates as came to their hands from the minister of the said parish, and of their levying the penalties, and of the disposal thereof; on pain of 5*l.* by warrant of distress by the said justices or two of them: and no account of the said overseers of the poor shall be allowed, until they shall therein account for the burials within their respective parishes as is before directed. *f. 8.*

Provided, that no penalty shall be incurred by reason of any person that died of the plague. *f. 9.*

And by the 32 *G. 2. c. 1.* Where no justice of the peace shall reside or be to be found in any parish where any person shall be interred; the parsons vicars and curates in every parish or chapel of ease, within the county where any party shall be interred (except only the parson vicar and curate of the parish or chapel of ease where the party is interred) shall administer the said oaths or affidavits, and attest the same under their hands gratis. *ms. f. 3.*

Form of the aforesaid affidavit.

Westmorland. *B. E.* it remembered, that on the — day of — A. W. of — yeoman, and B. W. of — yeoman, being two credible persons, do make oath, That A. D. late of — in the parish of — in the county aforesaid, on the — day of this present month of — was not put in, wrapt or wound up, or buried in any shirt, shift, sheet, or shroud, made or mingled with flax, hemp, silk, hair, gold, or silver, or other than what is made of sheep's wool only, or in any coffin lined or faced with any cloth, stuff, or any other thing whatsoever made or mingled with flax, hemp, silk, hair, gold, or silver, or any other material but sheep's wool only.

A. W.

B. W.

Sworn before me, being one of his majesty's justices of the peace for the said county [or, vicar of — in the said county, there being no justice of the peace residing (or to be found) in the said parish of —] the day and year aforesaid;

J. P.

Form

Form of the minister's notice of the affidavit not being brought.

Westmorland. } To the churchwardens and overseers of
the poor of the parish of _____ in the
said county.

I A. M. minister of the parish of _____ aforesaid, in the county aforesaid, do hereby give you notice, that on the _____ day of _____ the body of A. D. was buried within the said parish, and that no person whatsoever hath brought to me any affidavit pursuant to the statute made for burying in woollen. Witness my hand, the _____ day of _____

6. Can. 68. *No minister shall refuse or delay, to bury any corps that is brought to the church or churchyard (convenient warning being given him thereof before) in such manner and form as is prescribed in the book of common prayer. And if he shall refuse so to do, except the party deceased were denounced excommunicated majori excommunicatione, for some grievous and notorious crime, and no man able to testify of his repentance; he shall be suspended by the bishop of the diocese from his ministry, by the space of three months.* Minister not to refuse burial.

Were denounced excommunicated] But by the rubrick before the office for burial of the dead, the said office likewise shall not be used for any that die unbaptized, or that have laid violent hands upon themselves.

And no man able to testify of his repentance] But where sufficient evidence did appear to the bishop of such person's repentance; commissions have been granted, both before and since the reformation, not only to bury persons who died excommunicate, but in some cases to absolve them, in order to christian burial. *Gibf. 450.*

There were anciently other causes of refusal of burial; particularly, of *hereticks*, against whom there was an especial provision in the canon law, that if they continued in their heresy, they should not have christian burial: Of which we have a remarkable instance a little before the reformation, in the case of one Tracy, who was publicly accused in convocation of having expressed heretical tenets in his will; and being found guilty, a commission was issued to dig up his body, which was accordingly done.

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Also persons *not receiving the holy sacrament*, at least at *easter*, were excluded from christian burial by a decree of the fourth Lateran council, which became afterwards a law of the English church.

In like manner, persons killed in *duels, tilts or tournaments*.

But at this day it seemeth, that these prohibitions are restrained to the three instances before mentioned; of persons excommunicate, unbaptized, and that have laid violent hands upon themselves.

And of this last sort are to be understood, not all who have procured death unto themselves, but who have done it voluntarily, and consequently have died in the commission of a mortal sin; and not idiots, lunatics, or persons otherwise of insane mind.

The first ecclesiastical rule which occureth as to this matter, is the 34th canon of the first council of *Braga*, in the year 563: which forbids any burial service for those, *qui violentam sibi ipsis inferunt mortem*. But in Wilkins's Councils, Vol. 1. p. 129. the fifth chapter of the 2d book of the Pœnitential of *Egbert* archbishop of *York*, written about the year 750 (which chapter is plainly taken from the canon of *Braga*) adds this limitation, *If they do it by the instigation of the devil*. And at p. 232, the fifteenth of the canons published in king *Edgar's* time, about the year 960, adds a further limitation, *If they do it "voluntarily" by the instigation of the devil*. These two authorities, *Wheatley* on the common prayer quotes from *Johnson's* collection, to prove, that our old ecclesiastical laws make no exception, in favour of those who kill themselves in distraction. But they prove, even as they stand in *Johnson*, that such were not comprehended under those laws. And accordingly, the Decretum of *Gratian*, Part 2d, Caus. 23. Qu. 5. Cap. 12. inserting the canon of *Braga*, adds to it *voluntarie*. And the note there is, *secus, si per furorem: tunc non imputaretur*.

Now we should not, without necessity, understand our own rubrick to be so much severer, than the preceding constitutions, as to place mad people in the same rank with excommunicate and unbaptized persons, and to punish a poor creature for what in him indeed was no crime.

The proper judges, whether persons who died by their own hands were out of their senses are, doubtless, the coroner's jury. The minister of the parish hath no authority to be present at viewing the body, or to summon or examine witnesses. And therefore he is neither intitled,

tled; nor able to judge in the affair; but may well acquiesce in the publick determination, without making any private inquiry. Indeed, were he to make one, the opinion which he might form from thence, could usually be grounded only on common discourse, and bare assertion. And it cannot be justifiable to act upon these, in contradiction to the decision of a jury, after hearing witnesses upon oath. And tho' there may be reason to suppose, that the coroner's jury are frequently favourable in their judgment, in consideration of the circumstances of the deceased's family with respect to the forfeiture; and their verdict is in its own nature traversable: Yet the burial may not be delayed, until that matter upon trial shall finally be determined. But on acquittal of the crime of self-murder by the coroner's jury, the body in that case not being demanded by the law; it seemeth that a clergyman may and ought to admit that body to christian burial.

7. By the rubrick; The priests and clerks meeting the corps at the entrance of the chuchyard, and going before it either into the church, or towards the grave, shall say as is there appointed. Office of burial.

By which it seemeth to be discretionary in the minister, whether the corps shall be carried into the church or not. And there may be good reason for this, especially in cases of infection.

8. *Can. 67.* After the party's death, there shall be rung no more but one short peal, and one before the burial, and one other after the burial. Ringing at funerals.

9. Langton. *We do firmly injoin, that burial shall not be denied to any one, upon the account of any sum of money: because if any thing hath been accustomed to be given by the pious devotion of the faithful, we will that justice be done thereupon to the churches by the ordinary of the place afterwards.* Fee for burial.

Shall not be denied] Or delayed. *Lind.* 278.

Upon the account of any sum of money] For burial ought not to be sold: But albeit the clergy may not demand any thing for burial, yet the laity may be compelled, to observe pious and laudable customs. But in such case, the clerk must not demand any thing for the ground, or for the office; but if he shall alledge, that for every dead person so much hath been accustomed to be given to the minister or to the church, he shall recover it. *Lind.* 278.

Hath been accustomed to be given] That is, of old, and for so long time as will create a prescription, altho' at first given voluntarily. For they who have paid so long, are presumed at first to have bound themselves voluntarily thereunto. *Lind. 279.*

T. 15 Ja. Topsal and Ferrers. Edward Topsal, clerk, parson of St Botolph's without Aldersgate, London, and the churchwardens of the same, libelled in the ecclesiastical court against Sir John Ferrers, and alledged, that there was a custom within the city of London, and especially within that parish, that if any person being man or woman die within that parish, and be carried out of the parish to be buried elsewhere, in such case there ought to be paid to the parson of this parish if he or she be buried elsewhere in the chancel so much, and to the churchwardens so much, being the sums that they alledged were by custom payable unto them, for such as were buried in their own chancel; and then alledging, that the wife of Sir John Ferrers died within the parish, and was carried away and buried in the chancel of another church, and so demanded of him the said sum, Whereupon for Sir John Ferrers a prohibition was prayed, and upon debate it was granted, for this custom is against reason, that he that is no parishioner, but may pass thro' the parish, or lie in an inn for that night, should if he then die be forced to be buried there, or to pay as if he were, and so upon the matter to pay twice for his burial. *Hob. 175.*

But Dr Gibson saith, a fee for burial belongs to the minister of the parish in which the party deceased heard divine service, and received sacraments, wheresoever the corps be buried. And this, he observes, is agreeable to the rule of the canon law, which says, that every one, after the manner of the patriarchs, shall be buried in the sepulchre of his fathers; nevertheless, that if any one desires to be buried elsewhere, the same shall not be hindered, provided that the accustomed fee be paid to the minister of the parish where he died, or at least a third part of what shall be given to the place where he shall be buried. For the understanding of which it is to be noted, that anciently all persons in their wills, made a special oblation or bequest to the church at which they were to be interred; and the people in those days depending much upon the prayers of the living for the good of their souls after death, those of better condition coveted oftentimes to be buried in religious houses, with a view to greater assistances which they hope to receive from the
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solemn and constant devotions there: also, where the oblations were like to be plentiful, the religious were led by that prospect to desire and promote it. By which means parochial ministers would have been deprived of what belonged of common right to them, and to no other; if the laws which indulged the superstitious conceit of being buried in religious houses, had not at the same time provided for the ancient parochial rights; which sometimes was the third, sometimes the fourth part (according to the customs of different places) of what was given to the religious houses: the laws probably presuming, that the oblations to those houses would be much larger, than what was usually given to the parochial ministers. *Gibf.* 452.

And this was called the canonical portion; and the oblation grew by custom into a fixed right of the parish minister. And hence it is, that in dispensations for burying elsewhere, reservations have been made of the rights of those churches where the parties die. And (to take off the weight in some measure of the said case of Topfal and Ferrers) he saith, that this right was not denied, but seemingly acknowledged, by the temporal court in the aforesaid case; where the suit, by the rector and churchwardens of St Botolph's Aldgate was for the customary fee of burying in the chancel there, because the person died in their parish, and was buried in the chancel elsewhere. For tho' a prohibition was granted because the custom was unreasonable, yet that unreasonableness (he says) was grounded upon the person's being only a stranger, and happening to die in the parish. For so the report itself expresses the ground of the prohibition, "This custom is against reason, that he who is no parishioner, but may pass thro' the parish, or lie in an inn for a night, should be forced to be buried there, or pay as if he were." Which is, in effect, a recognition of the right, in case the party deceased hath dwelling in the parish, and is a parishioner. *Gibf.* 452. [But this doth not so well comport with the last words of the recited case, which supposeth it to be unreasonable for a man to pay twice for his burial.]

The proportion of fees due for the burial of persons, whether to the incumbent or churchwardens, whether for burying in or out of the parish, depends upon the particular usage and custom of each parish respectively. For as to the incumbent for burying, the foundation of the fee was voluntary, and the obligation or necessity of pay-

ing arises from custom; which is the ground of what is before observed out of Lindwood. But altho' the rule of the canon law is, that in case of denial of the customary fee, justice is to be done by the ordinary; and tho' the books of the common law allow this to be, in its nature, a matter properly of spiritual cognizance, yet it is a very great abatement from that allowance that the temporal courts reserve to themselves the right of determining, first, Whether there is such a custom, in case that is denied; and, secondly, Whether it is a reasonable custom, in case the custom itself is acknowledged. Upon the first of these heads, a prohibition was granted, in the case of *Andrews and Symson*, *M. 27. C. 2.* in which, two grounds were laid down of granting prohibitions; for defect of jurisdiction, and for defect of trial: and the prohibition granted on this occasion was ranked under the second head, and compared to the case of a *modus decimandi*, which may be demanded in the spiritual court, but if the custom be denied, a prohibition will lie; because the rule of prescription is different in the spiritual court, from that in the temporal. And on the like denials, we find other prohibitions also granted; as where the church of Westminster, for burying in the abbey, demanded 50 l, and the cathedral of York 5 l, over and above the common fees. Upon the second of these two heads, viz. the unreasonableness of the custom, a prohibition was granted in the forementioned case of *Topjal and Ferrers*, where the same fees were claimed by the rectors and churchwardens of the parish out of which the corps was carried, that were usually paid there for the place in which the corps should be buried elsewhere. But tho' such demand was reckoned a hardship upon a stranger or traveller who should happen to die there; no fault was found with the rule or proportion of the fee, in case the party deceased had been a fixed parishioner. *Gibf. 453. 2 Keb. 778. 3 Keb. 523.*

But here it is to be observed, that in the foregoing case of *Andrews and Symson*, the demand was a fee of four nobles for a parishioner, and of four marks for a stranger; which proportion and difference were not excepted against by the court as unreasonable, but (as hath been said) the prohibition went only because the custom was denied. *Gibf. 453.*

Funeral charges. 10. Funeral expences, according to the degree and quality of the deceased, are to be allowed of the goods of the deceased, before any debt or duty whatsoever. *3 Infl. 202.*

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11. The carcase that is buried belongeth to no one; but ^{Stealing shroud.} is subject to ecclesiastical cognizance, if abused or removed. *3 Inst.* 203.

And a corps once buried, cannot be taken up, or removed, without licence from the ordinary. *Gibf.* 454.

That is, to be buried in another place, or the like: but in the case of a violent death, the coroner may take up the body for his inspection, if it is interred before he comes to view it.

In the lent assizes holden at Leicester, 11 & 12 *Ja.* the case was, one William Haines had digged up the several graves of three men and one woman in the night, and had taken their winding sheets from their bodies, and buried them again; and it was resolved by the justices at serjeants inn in fleet street, that the property of the sheets remained the owner's, that is, in him who had the property therein, when the dead body was wrapped therewith, for the dead body is not capable of it; and that the taking thereof was felony. *12 Co.* 113.

12. Lord Coke says, concerning the building or erecting ^{Monuments;} of tombs, sepulchres, or monuments for the deceased, in church, chancel, common chapel, or church yard, in convenient manner, it is lawful; for it is the last work of charity that can be done for the deceased, who whilst he lived was a lively temple of the Holy Ghost, with a reverend regard and christian hope of a joyful resurrection. And the defacing of them is punishable by the common law; as it appeareth in the book of the 9 *Ed.* 4. 14. (the lady Wiche's case, wife of Sir Hugh Wiche;) and so it was agreed by the whole court, *M.* 10 *Ja.* in the common pleas, between *Corven* and *Pym*. And for the defacing thereof, they that build or erect the same shall have the action during their lives (as the lady Wiche had in the case of the 9 *Ed.* 4.) and after their deceases, the heir of the deceased shall have the action. But the building or erecting of the sepulchre, tomb, or other monument, ought not to be to the hindrance of the celebration of divine service. *3 Inst.* 202.

And again, he says, if a nobleman, knight, esquire, or other, be buried in a church, and have his coat armour and pennions with his arms, and such other ensigns of honour as belong to his degree or order, set up in the church; or if a grave stone or tomb be laid or made for a monument of him: in this case, altho' the freehold of the church be in the parson, and that these be annexed to the freehold; yet cannot the parson or any other take them,
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or deface them, but he is subject to an action to the heir and his heirs in the honour and memory of whose ancestor they were set up. 1 *Inst.* 18.

But Dr *Watson* says, this is to be understood of such monuments only, as are set up in the isles belonging to particular persons; or if they are set up in any other part of the church, he supposeth it to be understood, that they were placed there with the incumbent's consent. *Watf.* c. 39.

And Dr *Gibson* observing thereupon saith thus: Monuments, coat armour, and other ensigns of honour, set up in memory of the deceased, may not be removed at the pleasure of the ordinary or incumbent. On the contrary, if either they or any other person shall take away or deface them, the person who set them up shall have an action against them during his life, and after his death the heir of the deceased shall have the same, who (as they say) is inheritable to arms and the like, as to heir-looms; and it avails not, that they are annexed to the freehold, tho' that is in the parson. But this, he says (as he conceiveth,) is to be understood with one limitation, If they were first set up with consent of the ordinary; for tho' (as my lord Coke says) tombs sepulchres or monuments may be erected for the deceased in church or chancel in convenient manner, the ordinary must be allowed the proper judge of that conveniency; inasmuch as such erecting (for so he adds) ought not to be to the hindrance of the celebration of divine service; and if they are erected without consent, and upon inquiry and inspection be found to the hindrance of divine service, it will not (he supposeth) be denied, that in such case the ordinary hath sufficient authority to decree a removal, without any danger of an action at law. *Gibf.* 453, 454.

Whether a fee is due to the incumbent for erecting a grave stone or monument in the churchyard, hath been questioned by some; and no case hath occurred wherein the same hath received a judicial determination. It seemeth to be an argument in favour of the incumbent, that altho' it is necessary to bury the dead, yet it is not necessary to erect monuments: and after the soil hath been broken for interring the dead, the grass will grow again, and continue beneficial to the incumbent; but after the erection of a monument, there ceaseth to be any further produce of the soil in that place. And if the incumbent's leave is necessary for the erecting a monument, it seemeth that he may prescribe his own reasonable terms; or if an accustomed

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accustomed fee hath been paid, that such custom ought to be observed.

13. By the 37. c. 5. If any popish recusant, man or Popish burial, woman, not being excommunicate, shall be buried in any place, other than in the church or churchyard, or not according to the ecclesiastical laws of this realm; the executors or administrators of such person buried, knowing the same, or the party that causeth him to be so buried, shall forfeit 20 l. one third to the king, one third to him that shall sue in any of the king's courts of record, and one third to the poor of the parish where such person died.

Calendar. See **Kalendar**.

Calumny. (Oath of.) See **Oaths**.

Cambridge. See **Colleges**.

Canon.

FOR the office of *canons*, in cathedral or collegiate churches; see **Deans and chapters**.

Capa.

CAPA, the *cope*, was one of the priest's vestments; so called, as it is said, a *capiendo*, because it containeth or covereth him all over. *Lind.* 252.

Carthusians. See **Monasteries**.

Casula.

Casula.

CASULA, the *cheseble*, was a garment worn by the priest, next under the cope; and is said to have been so called, as being a kind of *cottage* (as it were) or little house, covering him. *Lind.* 252.

Catechism.

1. **BY** *Can* 59. Every parson vicar or curate, upon every Sunday and holiday before evening prayer, shall for half an hour or more, examine and instruct the youth and ignorant persons of his parish, in the ten commandments, the articles of the belief, and in the Lord's prayer; and shall diligently hear instruct and teach them the catechism set forth in the book of common prayer. And all fathers, mothers, masters and mistresses shall cause their children, servants, and apprentices, which have not learned the catechism, to come to the church at the time appointed, obediently to hear, and to be ordered by the minister until they have learned the same. And if any minister neglect his duty herein, let him be sharply reprov'd upon the first complaint, and true notice thereof given to the bishop or ordinary of the place. If after submitting himself, he shall willingly offend therein again; let him be suspended. If so the third time, there being little hope that he will be therein reformed; then excommunicated, and so remain until he be reformed. And likewise if any of the said fathers, mothers, masters or mistresses, children, servants or apprentices, shall neglect their duties, as the one sort in not causing them to come, and the other in refusing to learn, as aforesaid; let them be suspended by their ordinaries (if they be not children,) and if they so persist by the space of a month, then let them be excommunicated.

2. And by the *rubrick*: The curate of every parish shall diligently upon Sundays and holidays, after the second lesson at evening prayer, openly in the church instruct and examine so many children of his parish sent unto him, as he shall think convenient, in some part of the catechism.

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And all fathers and mothers, masters and dames, shall cause their children servants and apprentices (which have not learned their catechism,) to come to the church at the time appointed, and obediently to hear, and be ordered by the curate, until such time as they have learned all that therein is appointed for them to learn.

3. That part of the church catechism which treats of the sacraments, is not in the 2d nor 6th of *Ed. 6.* but was added in the beginning of king *James* the first his reign, upon the conference at Hampton court. *Gibf. 375.*

4. In the office of publick baptism; the minister directeth the godfathers and godmothers to take care, that the child be brought to the bishop to be confirmed by him, so soon as he or she can say the creed, the Lord's prayer, and the ten commandments in the vulgar tongue, and be further instructed in the church catechism let forth for that purpose.

Cathedrals.

1. **A**FTER the conversion of Constantine the emperor, the other converts in those days and in the following times, who were many of them governors and nobles, settled great and large demesne lands on those who converted them, and the first oratories or places of publick worship are said to have been built upon those lands: which first oratories were called *cathedrae*, *sedes*; *cathedrals*, or *seats*; from the clergy's constant residence thereon. *God. 347.*

Origin of cathedrals.

2. The distinction between *cathedral*, *conventual*, and *collegiate* churches, perhaps may be best understood; from the description given by Lindwood of the several names: properly speaking, says he, a *chapter* is spoken in respect of a cathedral church; a *convent*, in respect of a church of regulars; a *college*, in respect of an inferior church, where there are collected together persons living in common. *Gibf. 172.*

Difference between cathedral, conventual, and collegiate churches.

3. The *sees of bishops* ought regularly to be fixed in such towns only as are noted and populous. When this was made a rule of the church by a canon of the council of Sardica, the only design seems to have been, to prevent the needless multiplication of bishops sees; inasmuch as that canon, describing

Cathedral churches to be in cities.

describing such a small city, as within which a bishop's see should not be established, calls it such a one as a single presbyter might be sufficient for, in point of numbers. But it was afterwards understood by the canon law, that of what extent, or how populous soever, the diocese or jurisdiction of a bishop might be, it was most agreeable to the episcopal dignity, to place the see or cathedral church in some large and considerable town. Pursuant to which, with express reference to the aforesaid council, and to the decrees of pope Leo and pope Damasus, it was decreed in a council under archbishop Lanfrank, that certain episcopal sees which before had been in small towns and villages, should be settled in the most noted places; and several were accordingly removed, as Dorchester to Lincoln, Selsey to Chichester, Kirton to Exeter: which rule was also observed in fixing the sees of the five new bishopricks erected by king Henry the eighth. *Gibf. 171.*

And every town which hath a see of a bishop placed in it, is thereby intitled to the honour of a city. *Gibf. 171.*

And lord Coke defineth a city thus: A city (saith he) is a borough incorporate, which hath, or hath had, a bishop; and tho' the bishoprick be dissolved, yet the city remaineth. *1 Inst. 109.*

But this extendeth not to the cathedral churches in Wales; divers of which are established in small villages.

Certain forfeitures for the repair of cathedrals.

4. Besides the proper revenues of cathedral churches, to be applied towards the repair thereof, there are divers forfeitures by several canons of archbishop Stratford, to be disposed of to the same purpose; to wit, for the unfaithful execution of wills; for extorting undue fees for the probate of wills; for undue commutation of penance; and half the forfeitures for excessive fees at the admission of a curate.

Cathedral exempt from the archdeacon's jurisdiction.

5. Every see or cathedral (as such) is exempt from archidiaconal jurisdiction. Thus a bishop's see having been newly erected within the limits of a certain archdeaconry, it was represented, that the archdeacon had presumed to exercise his jurisdiction over the bishop there consecrated, and the church: and Gregory the ninth decreed thereupon, that this should no more be done, but that the bishop should be exempt from the archidiaconal jurisdiction: which decretal epistle became part of the body of the canon law. *Gibf. 171.*

Elections in cathedrals.

6. For the freedom of elections in general, it was thus provided by the statute of the 3 Ed. 1. c. 5. *Because elections ought to be free, the king commandeth upon great forfeiture, that*

that no man by force of arms, nor by malice, or menacing, shall disturb any to make free election.

Which statute, being general, did evidently include ecclesiastical elections as well as others: but some doubt having probably been made, whether they were included, it was judged advisable to move the king for a special declaration to that purpose, in the *articuli cleri*, 9 Ed. 2. c. 14. If any dignity be vacant, where election is to be made, it is moved that the electors may freely make their election, without fear of any temporal power, and all prayers and oppressions shall in this behalf cease. The answer; They shall be made free according to the form of statutes and ordinances: that is, according to the said statute of the 3 Ed. 1. c. 5. which also was but declaratory of the common law. 2 Inst. 169, 632. Gibs. 175.

And by the 31 Eliz. c. 6. it is thus enacted: *Whereas by the intent of the founders of cathedral and collegiate churches, and by the statutes and good orders of the same, the elections presentations and nominations of officers and other persons to have room or place in the same, are to be had and made of the fittest and most meet persons, being capable of the same elections presentations and nominations, freely, without any reward gift or thing given or taken for the same; and for the true performance whereof, some electors presentors and nominators in the same, have or should take a corporal oath to make their elections presentations and nominations accordingly; yet notwithstanding, it is found by experience, that the said elections presentations and nominations be many times wrought and brought to pass with money gifts and rewards, whereby the fittest persons to be elected presented or nominated, wanting money or friends, are seldom or not at all preferred, contrary to the good meaning of the said founders, and the said good statutes and ordinances, and to the great prejudice of learning, and the commonwealth and estate of the realm: For remedy whereof it is enacted, that if any person or persons or bodies politick or corporate, which have election presentation or nomination, or voice or assent in the choice election presentation or nomination of any person to have room or place in any of the said cathedral or collegiate churches, shall have receive or take, or shall accept any promise agreement covenant bond or other assurance to receive or have, any money fee reward or any other profit, directly or indirectly, either to himself or themselves, or to any other of his or their friends, for his or their voice or assent, in such election presentation or nomination as aforesaid; then and from thenceforth the place room or office which such person so offending shall then have in any of the said churches shall be void, and the same may be disposed of*

of in such manner as if such person so offending were naturally dead. *l. 1, 2.*

And if any officer of any of the said churches or other person having room or place in the same, shall directly or indirectly take or receive, or by any way device or means contract or agree to have or receive any money reward or profit whatsoever, for the leaving or resigning up of the same his room or place, for any other to be placed in the same; every person so taking or contracting shall forfeit double the sum of money, or value of the thing so received or agreed to be received or taken; and every person by whom or for whom any money gift or reward as aforesaid shall be given or agreed to be paid, shall be incapable of that place or room for that time or turn, and shall not be had nor taken to be a lawful officer or to have such room or place there, but they to whom it shall appertain shall appoint another as if such person were dead or had resigned. *l. 3.*

And for the more sincere election presentation and nomination of officers and other persons to have room or place in any of the said churches; at the time of every such election presentation or nomination, as well this present act, as the orders and statutes of such place concerning such election presentation or nomination to be had, shall then and there be publicly read; upon pain that every person in whom default thereof shall be, shall forfeit 40*l.* *l. 4.*

All which forfeitures shall be, half to him or them that will sue for the same in any of the queen's courts of record, and half to the use of such cathedral or collegiate church where such offence shall be committed. *l. 4.*

As to the methods of proceeding in elections, they depend in a great measure upon the local statutes and customs of each cathedral and collegiate body, and therefore cannot be brought under the rules which the ancient canon law hath laid down. Nevertheless, it may be of use, in cases which the statutes have left doubtful, or not clearly determined, to set down here some rules relating to elections, which lie dispersed in the body of the canon law. As,

(1) Concerning the time for election, this the canon law determines that it shall not exceed the space of three months from the vacancy, and if it be deferred longer (without lawful impediment) the elector shall for that turn lose their right of election, and the same shall devolve upon those who have the next right, who also shall fill up the vacancy within other three months, on pain of canonical censures. And after the election, they shall notify the same to the person elected, so soon as they reasonably

can; who shall assent thereunto within the space of one month, and within three months afterwards shall procure confirmation thereof, otherwise the election (if there be no lawful impediment intervening) shall be void.—But the election, or any citation or process relating thereto, ought not to be before the interment of the deceased.

(2) Concerning the manner of proceeding to the election, it is ordained, that when canons or prebendaries are wanted, or benefices to be disposed of, the canons absent are to be *cited*, if conveniently it may be, unless there be a custom to the contrary; otherwise what is done in their absence shall be of no effect.

(3) And no person shall constitute a *proxy* in the business of election, unless he be absent in a place from whence he ought to be cited (and not in a foreign country, or the like), and hindered by just impediment from attending, of which he shall cause proof to be made upon oath if required. In such case, if he will, he may constitute one of the chapter or collegiate body to be his proxy.

But if none of the chapter will be his proxy, he cannot depute any other without consent of the chapter, nor give his vote by letter, which ought not to be given before the meeting for the election, but only at that time.

And if one of the chapter be constituted proxy generally, if he nominate one person upon his own account, and another in the name of his constituent, it shall pass for nothing; but if he hath a special proxy, to chuse such a person by name, then he may lawfully consent to the election of one in his own name, and to the election of another in the name of his constituent.

(4) When the election is to be made, and all are present who ought, and will, and can conveniently attend; three of the society shall take the *votes* of every one, secretly and severally, and put the same in writing, and then immediately publish the same amongst them all; and on casting up the votes, he shall be elected, who has the majority of legal votes.

And they cannot vary after the votes are published; for then they ought to proceed to cast up the votes, and declare the election.

(5) By the *majority* is meant, the majority of the whole number of electors; therefore if there are 7 electors, and 2 of them chuse one person, and 2 another, and 3 another, he who has the three votes shall not be duly elected, as not being chosen by a majority of the electors.

(6) By the majority of *legal* votes (the *major et sanior pars*) are excluded those who are admitted upon protestation, that their votes shall not be good, if it shall appear that they have not a legal right to vote, and it shall afterwards be made appear upon appeal or otherwise that they have no legal right. Now persons may be disqualified several ways: as by custom; or by their own crime, where they have committed any offence which renders them incapable. So persons under suspension, or under the greater excommunication, can neither be electors, nor be themselves elected.

But if a member be in possession, altho' not of right, he may be an elector, and such election is valid, provided he be in quiet possession, because he believeth that he hath right. But if from the first, before the election is made, it shall be denied that he hath such right, and he is admitted under protestation, that his voice shall be valid if indeed it ought to be valid, and that it shall not be valid unless it shall appear that he hath such right; in such case his possession shall not avail.

(7) Where the votes are *equal*, one who is an elector being chosen, shall have the preference before one who is not an elector: As for instance, if there are 7 voters, and 3 of them chuse one of the seven, and other 3 chuse another who is not of the seven; he of the seven who is chosen shall have the preference, provided he himself consent and agree to his election, and there be no canonical impediment.

(8) If the lesser number of the electors, proceed *precipitately* to make election before the rest who ought to be present are come in; such election is void, altho' the major part of the whole number should assent to it afterwards. But if after such undue election made, and divers of the electors are gone home, they who remain shall proceed to another election, such other election is also void; for they ought to appeal.

(9) A *preelection* into a place not vacant, is void. And so it was declared in the court of king's bench, *E. 34 C. 2.* in the case of *Stainhoe* and *Owen*: Dr *Owen* was elected prebendary in the church of St David's, where such elections had been usual, when all the prebends were full; but upon a vacancy Dr *Stainhoe* was admitted, and the court would not grant a mandamus to admit Dr *Owen*, because (as is there said) it was a ridiculous custom to elect where no prebend was vacant, for that there cannot

not be an election but into a void place. (2 T. Jones. 199.) *

It is true, there may be a preelection; and upon a death, the person may afterwards be admitted: but such preelection binds not the body, so as that they may not elect any other when the vacancy happens; especially, where the electors are the patrons, and are also the persons to admit. The caution given in this case by the canon law is, not to chuse to the place which shall be next vacant; but if they chuse a man to be a brother or fellow of the society, and promise to confer upon him the next vacant benefice, such election is good. *Gibbs*. 176, 7, 8.

7. Where the dean or other chief governor of any cathedral or collegiate church, hath a certain portion of the possessions alone limited to his office; and every prebendary, vicar, petty canon, and other minister spiritual hath another alone and distinctly limited to his respective office: they shall be rated for their first fruits separately and not jointly. 26 H. 8. c. 3. s. 25.

How the first fruits of the revenues thereof shall be charged.

8. The cathedral church is the parish church of the whole diocese (which diocese was therefore commonly called *parochia* in ancient times, till the application of this name to the lesser branches into which it was divided, made it for distinction's sake to be called only by the name of diocese;) and it hath been affirmed, with great probability, that if one resort to the cathedral church to hear divine service, it is a resorting to the parish church, within the natural sense and meaning of the statute. *Gibbs*. 171.

Cathedral the parish church of the whole diocese.

* This case seems to be somewhat misreported: The prebends at St David's are in the gift of the bishop, and therefore the election could not be to a prebend. But there are in that church six *residential* prebends; and to one of these it seemeth that the pre-election was made. Three of the residential prebends are named by the bishop, viz. the chantor, chancellor and treasurer. The other three are elective out of the body of the prebendaries. The custom had prevailed for some time, for the six to agree to elect a seventh supernumerary; who should, in return of the obligation, keep residence, and do the business of his electors, and should succeed to the next vacancy in the chapter by election. It seemeth from the abovementioned report, that Dr Owen having been thus pre-elected, was refused to be admitted. Upon which he moved for a mandamus; but the court would not grant the same, such pre-election being merely void. This custom at St David's, after some endeavours to be continued, hath now (it is said) entirely ceased.

Upon which account it is ordained by a canon of *Simon Mepham* archbishop of Canterbury, that in certain cases, they who cannot be cited personally, nor in their dwelling house, may be cited in their parish church; and if they have no parish church, or that doth not appear, then they shall be cited in the cathedral. *Gibf.* 1003.

And by *Can.* 65. Excommunicates shall be denounced every six months, as well in the parish church, as in the cathedral church of the diocese.

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account.

9. In honour of the cathedral church, and in token of subjection to it, as the bishop's see; every parochial minister within the diocese, pays to the bishop an annual pension, called anciently *cathedraticum*. This acknowledgment is supposed to have taken rise from the establishment of distinct parishes, with certain revenues, and thereby the separating of those districts from the immediate relation they had born to the cathedral church. By a canon of the council of Bracara, this pension is called *honor cathedrae episcopalis*, and restrained (if it was not limited before) to two shillings each church: which canon became afterwards part of the canon law of the church, with this gloss upon the words *two shillings* (viz. *at most; for sometimes less is given*); and hath been received in England, as in other churches, under the name of *synodaticum*, or *synodals*, because generally paid at the bishop's synod at Easter. *Gibf.* 171.

Bishops residence
there.

10. *Langton*. Bishops shall be at their cathedrals, on some of the greater feasts, and at least in some part of lent. *Lind.* 130.

Otho. Bishops shall reside at their cathedral churches, and officiate there on the chief festivals, on the Lord's days, and in lent, and in advent. *Athol.* 55.

Othobon. Bishops shall be personally resident to take care of their flock, and for the comfort of the churches espoused to them; especially on solemn days, in lent and advent: unless their absence be required by their superiors, or for other just cause. *Athol.* 118.

Dean and chap-
ter's residence
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11. *Can.* 42. Every dean master or warden or chief governor of any cathedral or collegiate church, shall be resident there fourscore and ten days, conjunctim or divisim, in every year at the least, and then shall continue there in preaching the word of God, and keeping good hospitality; except he shall be otherwise let with weighty and urgent causes to be approved by the bishop, or in any other lawful sort dispensed with. And when he is present, he

he with the rest of the canons or prebendaries resident, shall take special care, that the statutes and laudable customs of their church (not being contrary to the word of God or prerogative royal), the statutes of this realm being in force concerning ecclesiastical order, and all other constitutions now set forth and confirmed by his majesty's authority, and such as shall be lawfully enjoined by the bishop of the diocese in his visitation according to the statutes and customs of the same church or the ecclesiastical laws of this realm, be diligently observed; and that the petty canons, vicars choral, and other ministers of their church, be urged to the study of the holy scriptures; and every one of them to have the new testament not only in english, but also in latin.

Can. 44. Prebendaries, at large, shall not be absent from their cures above a month in the year; and residentiaries shall divide the year among them, and when their residence is over, shall repair to their benefices.

12. *Can. 24.* In all cathedral and collegiate churches, the holy communion shall be administered upon principal feast days, sometimes by the bishop (if he be present), and sometimes by the dean, and at some times by a canon or prebendary; the principal minister using a decent cope, and being assisted with the gospeller and epistler agreeably, according to the advertisements published in the seventh year of queen Elizabeth (hereafter following). The said communion to be administered at such times, and with such limitation, as is specified in the book of common prayer. Provided that no such limitation by any construction shall be allowed of, but that all deans, wardens, masters, or heads of cathedral and collegiate churches, prebendaries, canons, vicars, petty canons, singing men, and all others of the foundation, shall receive the communion four times yearly at the least.

Administration
of the holy com-
munion there.

13. *Can. 43.* The dean master warden or chief governor, prebendaries and canons in every cathedral and collegiate church, shall preach there in their own persons, so often as they are bound by law statute ordinance or custom; and if they be sick, or lawfully absent, they shall substitute such licensed preachers to supply their turns, as by the bishop shall be thought meet to preach in cathedral churches. And if any otherwise neglect or omit to supply his course, the offender shall be punished by the bishop, or by him or them to whom the jurisdiction of that church appertaineth, according to the quality of the offence.

Preaching.

And by *Can. 51.* The deans presidents and residentiaries of any cathedral or collegiate church, shall suffer no stranger to preach unto the people in their churches, except they be allowed by the archbishop of the province, or by the bishop of the same diocese, or by either of the universities. And if any in his sermon shall publish any doctrine either strange, or disagreeing from the word of God, or from any of the thirty nine articles, or from the book of common prayer; the dean or the residents shall by their letters, subscribed with some of their hands that heard him, so soon as may be, give notice of the same to the bishop of the diocese, that he may determine the matter, and take such order therein as he shall think convenient.

Lecturers,

14. By the 13 & 14 C. 2. c. 4. *A lecturer being chosen in a cathedral or collegiate church, need not to read the common prayer, as other persons admitted to ecclesiastical offices; but it shall be sufficient openly to declare his assent and consent to all things therein contained.* s. 20.

Habits to be worn there.

15. The advertisements published in the seventh year of queen Elizabeth, and referred to in *Can. 24.* aforegoing, are as follows: Item, In the ministrations of the holy communion in cathedral and collegiate churches, the principal minister shall use a cope, with gospeller and epistler agreeably; and at all other prayers to be said at the communion table, to use no copes but surplices. Item, That the dean and prebendaries wear a surplice, with a silk hood, in the quire; and when they preach in the cathedral or collegiate church, to wear a hood.

And at the end of the service book in the second year of Edward the sixth, it is ordered, that in all cathedral churches, the archdeacons, deans, and prebendaries, being graduates, may use in the quire, beside their surplices, such hoods as pertaineth to their several degrees, which they have taken in any university within this realm.

Visitation thereof.

16. Churches *collegiate* and *conventual* were always visitable by the bishop of the diocese; if no special exemption was made by the founder thereof. *Hughes, c. 28.*

And the visitation of *cathedral* churches doth belong unto the metropolitan of the province; and to the king, when the archbishoprick is vacant. *Id.*

Ornaments to go to the successor.

17. The see of a bishop is intitled to the ornaments of the chapel at his death. This was declared in the bishop of Carlisle's case, 21 *Ed. 3.* and is pleaded by lord Coke in the case of Corven and Pym, as good law; that although

though other chattels belong to the executors of the deceased, and shall not go in succession, yet the ornaments of a chapel of a preceding bishop, are merely in succession.

Gibbs. 171.

18. Concerning the cathedral churches of the new foundation, it is enacted by the 31 *H. 8. c. 9.* that *Cathedrals of the new foundation,* the king shall have power to declare and nominate by letters patents or other writing under the great seal, such number of bishops, such number of cities (sees for bishops), cathedral churches, and dioceses, by metes and bounds, as shall appertain; and (out of the revenues of the dissolved monasteries) to endow them, with such possessions, after such manner and condition, as he shall think necessary and convenient.

And it appears by a scheme for new cathedrals and bishopricks, under the hand of king *Hen. 8.* that his design was, to erect many more (pursuant to the powers given by this act) than were erected. *1 Burnet. 262.*

By the charters of foundation of the new cathedral and collegiate churches erected by the said king, it is ordered that they should be ruled and governed by statutes to be specified in certain indentures then after to be made by him: which statutes were accordingly made and delivered to the said churches, but not indented. Whereupon the act of the 1 *Mar. sess. 3. c. 9.* asserting the said statutes to be therefore void, gave power to the said queen, to ordain such statutes and ordinances for the same, as should seem good unto her: but she died, before much was done. Afterwards the same power was given to queen Elizabeth, by the 1 *El. c. 22.* during her life; who gave power to the ecclesiastical commissioners to prepare new statutes for the same, which accordingly were prepared and finished in the month of July 1572, ready for the royal confirmation; but this (for what reason, or by what accident, appears not) was never obtained. *Gibbs. 181.*

But by the 6 *An. c. 21.* in order to settle the disputes which had arisen concerning the validity of such statutes, it is enacted, that in all cathedral and collegiate churches founded by king Henry the eighth, such statutes as have been usually received and practised in the government of the same respectively since the restoration of king Charles the second, and to the observance whereof the deans and prebendaries and other members of the said churches from the said time have used to be sworn at their instalments or admissions, shall be good and valid, and be taken and adjudged to be the statutes of the said churches respectively: nevertheless so far as may be,

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as the same or any of them are in no manner repugnant to or inconsistent with the constitution of the church of England as the same is now by law established, or the laws of the land. Which act, together with the cases that have happened thereupon, falleth in more properly under the title *Deans and Chapters*.

Cathedraticum.

CATHEDRATICUM hath been treated of under the title next foregoing.

Caveat.

A Caveat is a caution entred in the spiritual court, to stop probates, administrations, licences, dispensations, faculties, institutions, and such like, from being granted without the knowledge of the party that enters it.

And a caveat is of such validity by the *canon* law, that if an institution, administration, or the like, be granted pending such caveat, the same is void. *Ayl. Par.* 145, 6. *1 Lev.* 157. *Owen.* 50.

But not so by the *common* law. For by the common law, an admission, institution, probate, administration, or the like, contrary to a caveat entred, shall stand good; in the eye of which law, the caveat is said to be only a caution for the information of the court (like a caveat entred in chancery against the passing of a patent, or in the common pleas against the levying of a fine); but that it doth not preserve the right untouched, so as to null all subsequent proceedings, because it doth not come from any superior; nor hath it ever been determined, that a bishop became a disturber, by giving institution without regard to a caveat; on the contrary, it was said by Coke and Doderidge, in the case of *Hutchins and Glover*, *H. 14 Ja.* that they have nothing to do with a caveat in the common law. *Gibf.* 778. *2 Bac. Abr.* 404. *Ayl. Par.* 145, 6.

Cession.

Cession. See Avoidance.

Chancel. See Church.

Chancellors, &c.

1. **T**HE word *chancellor* is not mentioned in the commission, and but rarely in our ancient records; but seemeth to have grown into use in imitation of the like title in the state; inasmuch as the proper office of a chancellor as such, was, to be keeper of the seals of the archbishop or bishop, as appears from divers entries in the registry of the archbishops of Canterbury. *Gibf.* 986.

2. This office (as it is now understood) includeth in it two other offices, which are distinguished in the commission by the titles of *official principal* and *vicar general*. The proper work of an *official* is, to hear causes between party and party, concerning wills, legacies, marriages, and the like, which are matters of temporal cognizance, but have been granted to the ecclesiastical courts by the concessions of princes. The proper work of a *vicar general* is, the exercise and administration of jurisdiction purely spiritual, by the authority and under the direction of the bishop, as visitation, correction of manners, granting institutions, and the like, with a general inspection of men and things, in order to the preserving of discipline and good government in the church. *Gibf. Introd.* 22. *Gibson's Tracts* 108.

And although these two offices have been ordinarily granted together; yet we find in the acts and records of the several sees frequent appointments of vicars general separately, upon occasional absences of the archbishops or bishops. *Gibson's Tracts* 110.

For the vicar general was an officer occasionally constituted, when the bishop was called out of the diocese, by foreign embassies, or attendances in parliament, or other affairs whether publick or private; and being the representative of the bishop for that time, his commission contained in it all that power and jurisdiction which still rested in the bishop notwithstanding the appointment of an official, that is, the whole administration except the hearing

hearing of causes in the consistory court. *Gibf. Introd.* 23.

And Dr Gibson takes occasion to wish, that these offices might be kept separate still; the office of *vicar general* to be vested in the hands of some grave and prudent clergyman, usually resident within the diocese; and that of *official*, (as being conversant about temporal matters) in the hands of a layman, well skilled in the civil law. *Gibf.* 990.

Commissary.

3. Commissary is he that is limited by the bishop to some certain place of the diocese, to assist him; and in most cases hath the authority of official principal and vicar general within his limits. *Terms of the law.* Tit. Commissary. 4 *Inst.* 338.

The chancellor is not confined to any place of the diocese, nor limited to some certain causes only of jurisdiction; but every where throughout the whole diocese he supplieth the bishop's absence, in all matters and causes ecclesiastical within his diocese. But the authority of commissaries, as it is restrained to some certain place of the diocese, so is it also restrained to some certain causes of jurisdiction, limited unto them by the bishops: for which reason the law calls them *officialis foranei*, as restrained *cuiusdam fori* only of the diocese. *God.* 81.

Archdeacon's official.

4. And what is said of commissaries may be also applied to the officials of such archdeacons as have a concurrent jurisdiction with their bishop. *Gibf. Tracts* 114.

Qualification.

5. By *Can.* 127. No man shall be admitted a chancellor, commissary, or official, to exercise any ecclesiastical jurisdiction, except he be of the full age of six and twenty years at the least, and one that is learned in the civil and ecclesiastical laws, and is at the least a master of arts, or bachelor of law, and is reasonably well practised in the course thereof, as likewise well affected and zealously bent to religion, touching whose life and manners no evil example is had, and except before he enter into or execute any such office, he shall take the oath of the king's supremacy in the presence of the bishop, or in the open court, and shall subscribe to the thirty nine articles, and shall also swear that he will to the uttermost of his understanding deal uprightly and justly in his office, without respect of favour or reward; the said oaths and subscription to be recorded by a register then present.

And they are also to take the oaths at the sessions, as other persons qualifying for offices.

In the second year of king Charles the first, Dr Sutton, chancellor of Gloucester, was sued before the high commissioners, for that he being a divine, and having never been brought up in the science of the civil or canon laws, nor having any understanding therein, took upon him the office of chancellor, contrary to the canons and constitutions of the church. Whereupon he prayed a prohibition in the common pleas, suggesting that he had a freehold in the chancellorship, and ought to enjoy the same for life: but the court would not grant the prohibition; because it belonged to the spiritual courts to examine the abilities of spiritual officers; and so, tho' a lay person gains a freehold by his admission to a benefice, yet he may be sued in the spiritual court, and deprived for that cause. *Gibf. 987.*

But of later days, when Dr Jones, chancellor of Landaff, was libelled against for ignorance, prohibition was prayed, and also obtained upon this foot of freehold; and when consultation was prayed, as in a case of mere ecclesiastical cognizance, and the prayer was supported by the precedent of Dr Sutton, the court inclined against it, and denied Sutton's case to be law. *Gibf. 987. 4 Mod.*

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6. Concerning the nature and extent of the power of ^{Jurisdiction,} chancellors, as that name is understood at present, bishop Stillingfleet saith as follows:

There is a difference in law and reason, between an ordinary power depending on an ancient prescription and composition (as it is in several places in the deans and chapters within their precincts), and an ordinary power in a substitute, as a chancellor or vicar general. For altho' such an officer hath the same court with the bishop, so that the legal acts of court are the bishop's acts by whose authority he sits there, so that no appeal lies from the bishop's officer to the bishop himself, but to the superior; and altho' a commissary be allowed to have the power of the ordinary in testamentary causes, which were not originally of ecclesiastical jurisdiction: yet in acts which are of spiritual and voluntary jurisdiction, the case is otherwise. For the bishop, by appointing a chancellor, doth not divest himself of his own ordinary power; but he may delegate some parts of it by commission to others, which goes no farther than is expressed in it. For it is a very great mistake in any to think, that such who act by a delegated power, can have any more power than is given to them, where a special commission is required

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for the exercise of it. For by the general commission no other authority passeth, but that of hearing causes: but all acts of voluntary jurisdiction require a special commission, which the bishop may restrain as he sees cause. For, as Lindwood saith, nothing passes by virtue of the office but the hearing of causes; so that other acts depend upon the bishop's particular grant for that purpose. And the law no where determines the bounds of a chancellor's power as to such acts; nor can it be supposed so to do, since it is but a delegated power, and it is in the right of him that deposes to circumscribe and limit it. Neither can use or custom enlarge such a power, which depends upon another's will. And however by modern practice the patents for such places have passed for the life of the person to whom they were first granted; yet it was not so by the ancient ecclesiastical law of England. For Lindwood affirms, that a grant of jurisdiction ceaseth by the death of him who gave it; or otherwise it could never pass into the dean and chapter *sede vacante*, or to the guardian of the spiritualties. And he gives a good reason for it, that the bishop may not have an official against his will, perhaps disagreeable to him. It is true, that by the statute of the 37 H. 8. c. 17. mere doctors of laws are made capable of exercising all manner of ecclesiastical jurisdiction; but it doth not assign the extent of their jurisdiction, but leaves it to the bishops themselves, from whom their authority is derived. And the law still distinguisheth between ordinary and delegated power; for the former supposeth a person to act in his own right, and not by a deputation, which no chancellor or official doth pretend unto. *1 Still. 330.*

Note, *voluntary* jurisdiction is exercised in matters which require no judicial proceeding, as in granting probate of wills, letters of administration, sequestration of vacant benefices, institution, and such like; *contentious* jurisdiction is, where there is an action or judicial process, and consisteth in the hearing and determining of causes between party and party. *Ayl. Parerg. 3:8.*

And the distinction which bishop Stillingsfleet here layeth down, between contentious and voluntary jurisdiction, as the one is supposed to be conveyed to the official, and the other to remain in the bishop, is supported, as to the contentious jurisdiction, by the books of common law; which affirm, that a bishop may well sue for a pension or other right before his own chancellor; and say, that the archbishop having constituted an official principal (as the

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dean of the arches) to receive appeals, cannot afterwards come into that court, and execute the office himself. Add to this, what is generally said, that if a bishop doth not constitute a chancellor, he may be obliged to do it by the archbishop of the province. *Gibf. 926.*

But as to the other branch, to wit, voluntary jurisdiction, as visitation, institution, licences, and the like; all this doth remain in the archbishop or bishop, notwithstanding the general grant of all and all manner of jurisdiction to the official. And therefore in our ancient ecclesiastical records, we find special commissions to hear and determine matters found and detected in the visitation, granted by the visitors to such persons whose zeal and integrity they could confide in, for the effectual prosecution of the crimes and vices detected. In like manner institutions, licences, and the like, can belong to chancellors no otherwise, than as the right of granting is conveyed to them distinctly and in express terms: And all that is here said of chancellors, holds equally in the case of commissaries and officials, according to the respective powers delegated to them. *Gibf. 987.*

Under the appellation of delegated jurisdiction, in a large sense, may be comprehended the jurisdiction of archdeacons, who exercise such branches of episcopal power (in subordination to the bishops) as have been anciently assigned to them, especially the holding of visitations: and of deans, deans and chapters, and prebendaries, who exercise episcopal jurisdiction of all kinds, independent from the bishops, tho' no jurisdiction at all could accrue to them otherwise than by grant from the bishops, or by the arbitrary and overruling power of the popes. Both of these, however originally delegated, have long obtained the style of ordinary jurisdiction, as belonging of course and without any express commission, to the several offices beforementioned. *Gibf. Introd. 22.*

But the power which we properly call delegated, is the power of chancellors, commissaries, and officials; which they exercise by express commission from the respective ordinaries, to whose stations or offices such powers are annexed. *Id.*

7. As the bishop may bound commissions in point of Continuance, power, so he may also bound them in point of duration. The commission of official, for hearing of causes, is the only one which the bishop is pretended to be under an obligation to grant, and he (as official) hath less share than any other in the spiritual administration; and yet
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even in this the rule of the law is, that the power of officials ceaseth, not only by revocation, but by the death of him who deputed them. And the reason given for it is, that otherwise upon the death of the bishop the guardian of the spiritualties (and the same holds good of the successors also) might have an unacceptable person intailed upon him. Accordingly, before the reformation, and for some time after, we find new commissions for offices of all kinds generally granted together, after the consecration or translation of a new bishop; and those grants usually either to continue during pleasure in express words, or without any mention of the continuance for life or other term, and so equally revocable at the pleasure of the bishop. The same seemeth to have continued, at least the common style, for some years in the reign of queen Elizabeth; and in the next reign we find it a question in the case of the prebend of *Hatcherley*, whether any confirmation could bind the successor; and tho' in the case of *Dr Barker*, in the twenty-first year of king James, the court were of opinion, that the bishop had no right to take from him his office of commissary and vicar general, which was granted for life, it is to be observed, that that grant had been made by deed from the bishop himself, who therefore was bound by his own act, and could not undo it at pleasure; but in the next reign, 3 *Cha.* in *Sutton's* case, it is mentioned again as a doubtful point, whether the grant of the predecessor, (however confirmed) could bind the successor. *Gibf. Intro. 25.*

And it should seem that the grantees themselves doubted their title for life, in the known way of commissions, according to the ecclesiastical method; and therefore for greater security (no doubt by the advice of common lawyers) they obtained the offices by way of letters patents, with the habendum and other attendants on temporal grants; in which way they still continue. And it is now taken for clear law, in the case of bishops and other ordinaries, that the grant of an office for life by the predecessor, whether judicial or ministerial, if it be confirmed by the dean and chapter, is binding to the successor. But it is to be remembered, that this is an allowance, and not a command; the law declares such grants good when made, but doth not direct them to be made; in this the bishop is at his own liberty as much as ever, no restraint therein being laid upon him by any law of this realm. *Id.*

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[The same holds much more strongly, in the case of grants for more lives, and grants in reversion. In favour of a grant for one life, it may be alledged that the grantee, under the uncertainty of the life of the grantor, would have no encouragement to sequester himself from all other business, and turn his thoughts wholly to the execution of that office; and that by the time he hath attained a competent knowledge of persons and things relating to it, he may be removed: but these cannot be pleaded in favour of grants for more lives, and grants in reversion. It is true, the temporal courts do so far restrain such grants, as to declare them void, unless warranted by precedents before the 1 *Eliz.* in the case of bishops, and before the 13 *Eliz.* in the case of others (in which years the two statutes were made against the laying these and the like unreasonable burdens upon successors); and they also do declare them void, unless they be granted freely and without reward, and unless the grantee (supposing him of full age) appear to have sufficient knowledge for the work. But they have allowed them to be good, upon the foundation of precedents subsequent to the 1 *Eliz.* on presumption that there might be precedents before; and they have also allowed grants to minors to be good, on presumption that in due time they will qualify themselves for the offices, and that until such time as they shall come of age they may supply the places by deputies. *Gibf. Introd.* 26.

Chantry.

CHANTRY, *cantaria*, was commonly a little chapel, or particular altar, in some cathedral or parochial church; endowed with lands or revenues, for the maintenance of a priest, to pray for the souls of the founder and his friends.

A man might make a chantry by licence of the king, without the ordinary; for the ordinary hath nothing to do therewith.

The main use and intent of these chantries was, for prayers for souls departed, on a supposition of purgatory, and of being released from thence by masses satisfactory: And prayer for such souls was the general matter of all obits,

obits, anniversaries, and the like, which were but several forms of prayer for souls. *God. 329.*

These chantries were dissolved by the statute of the 1 *Ed. 6. c. 14.*

Chapel.

Chapel, whence
so called.

1. **W**E have softened in English the pronunciation of the initial letters of this word, as we have done in many other like instances; for it is evidently the same with the Latin word *capella*: the Danish word is *kapel*, the Belgic *capelle*, the Spanish *capilla*. But from whence they have their derivation, seemeth not to have been satisfactorily accounted for. Perhaps the same may be a diminutive of the word *capa*, which hath been adopted to signify one of the priests vestments, so called (saith Lindwood) *a capiendo*, from its containing or covering the whole back and shoulders. For chapels at first were only tents or tabernacles, sometimes called field churches, being nothing more than a covering from the inclemency of the seasons. And the metaphor is transferred with our English word *cope*, which is used to denominate the same vestment, and signifieth also a canopy or other vaulted covering. So *coppe* denoteth the round top of a hill. So we say the *cape* of a wall; the *cape* of a coat; *cape*, a promontory, or other extremity; *cap*, a covering for the head; and other such like.

Private chapels.

2. Private chapels are such as noblemen and other religious and worthy persons have at their own private charge, built in or near their own houses, for them and their families to perform religious duties in. These private chapels and their ornaments are maintained at those persons charge to whom they belong; and chaplains provided for them by themselves, with honourable pensions: and these anciently were all consecrated by the bishop of the diocese, and ought to be so still. *Degge, P. 1. c. 12.*

Straford. We do decree, that whosoever against the prohibition of the canons shall celebrate mass in oratories, chapels, houses, or other places not consecrated, without having obtained the licence of the diocesan, shall be suspended from the celebration of divine service for the space of a month. And all licences granted by the bishops, for celebrating mass in places not consecrated, other than to noblemen or other great men of the realm, living at a considerable distance from the church, or notoriously
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weak or infirm, shall be void. Nevertheless the heads, governors, and canons of cathedral churches, and others of the clergy, may celebrate mass in their oratories of ancient erection, as hath been accustomed. Moreover, the priests who shall celebrate mass in oratories or chapels built by the kings or queens of England, or their children, shall not incur such pain. Lind. 233.

In oratories] An oratory differs from a church: for in a church there is appointed a certain endowment for the minister and others; but an oratory is that which is not built for saying mass, nor endowed, but ordained for prayer. *Lind. 233.*

Or other places] As suppose, in a tent, or in the open air. *Lind. 233.*

Without having obtained the licence of the diocesan] Such oratory any one may build, without the consent of the bishop; but without the licence of the bishop, divine service may not be performed there. And this licence he shall not grant, for divine service there to be performed, upon the greater festivals. *Lind. 233.*

Abundance of such licences, both before and since the reformation, remain in our ecclesiastical records; not only for prayers, and sermons, but in some instances for sacraments also. But the law is (as Lindwood hath it in his gloss on the said canon) that such licence be granted sparingly. And these restrictions were laid on private oratories, out of a just regard to places of publick worship; that while the laws of the church provided for great infirmities, or great distance, such indulgence might not be abused to an unnecessary neglect of publick or parochial communion. *Gibbs 212.*

And in the said oratories, a bell might not be put up without the bishop's authority. *Lind. 233.*

At a considerable distance] As suppose, a mile or more; and in such case, and not otherwise (saith Lindwood), the bishop ought to permit service to be performed there. *Lind. 233.*

By the 2 & 3 *Ed. 6. c. 1. f. 1.* and 1 *El. c. 2. f. 4.* Open prayer in and throughout those acts, is explained thereby to be, that prayer which is for others to come unto or hear, either in common churches, or private chapels or oratories.

By the 23 *El. c. 1.* Every person which usually on the Sunday shall have in his house divine service which is established.

blished by the law of this realm, and be thereat himself usually present, and shall not obstinately refuse to come to church; and shall also four times in the year at least be present at the divine service in the church of the parish where he shall be resident, or in some other common church or chapel of ease; shall not incur the penalty of 20 l. a month limited by the said act, for not repairing to church. f. 12.

By *Can. 71*. No minister shall preach or administer the holy communion in any private house, except it be in times of necessity, when any being either so impotent as he cannot go to the church, or very dangerously sick, are desirous to be partakers of the holy sacrament; upon pain of suspension for the first offence, and excommunication for the second. Provided, that houses are here reputed for private houses, wherein are no chapels dedicated and allowed by the ecclesiastical laws of this realm. And provided also, under the pain before expressed, that no chaplains do preach or administer the communion in any other places, but in the chapels of the said houses; and that also they do the same very seldom upon sundays and holidays: so that both the lords and masters of the said houses, and their families, shall at other times resort to their own parish churches, and there receive the holy communion at the least once every year.

Free chapels.

3. The distinction of free chapels, is grounded on their freedom or exemption from all ordinary jurisdiction. *Gibf. 210.*

Sir Simon Degge says, it is agreed on all hands, that the king may erect a free chapel, and exempt it from the jurisdiction of the ordinary, or may license a subject so to do. *Degge P. 1. c. 12.*

And Dr Godolphin says, the king may license a subject to found a chapel, and by his charter exempt it from the visitation of the ordinary. *God. 145.*

But Dr Gibson observes nevertheless, that no instances are produced in confirmation hereof; it is true, he says, that many free chapels have been in the hands of subjects; but it doth not therefore follow, that those were not originally of royal foundation. *Gibf. 211.*

By a constitution of archbishop Stratford, as before mentioned, *ministers which officiate in oratories or chapels erected by the kings or queens of England, or their children, shall not need to have the licence of the ordinary.*

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Or their children] Which word children extendeth not further than to grand children; after these, they are called posterity. *Lind.* 234.

All free chapels, together with the chantries, were given to the king in the first year of king Edward the sixth: except some few that are excepted in the acts of parliament by which they were given; or such as are founded by the king, or his licence, since the dissolution. *Degge P. 1. c. 12.*

And the king himself visits his free chapels and hospitals, and not the ordinary: which office of visitation is executed for the king, by the lord high chancellor. *God.* 145.

Free chapels may continue such, in point of exemption from ordinary visitation; tho' the head or members do receive institution from the ordinary. *Gibf.* 211.

In short, the sum of all is this: Free chapels (says the learned and accurate bishop Tanner) were places of religious worship, exempt from all ordinary jurisdiction, save only, that the incumbents were generally instituted by the bishop, and inducted by the archdeacon of the place. Most of these chapels were built upon the manors and ancient demesnes of the crown, whilst in the king's hands, for the use of himself and retinue when he came to reside there. And when the crown parted with those estates, the chapels went along with them, and retained their first freedom; but some lords having had free chapels in manors that do not appear to have been ancient demesne of the crown, such are thought to have been built and privileged by grants from the crown. *Tanner's Notit. Monast.* Pref. 28.

4. Of chapels subject to a mother church, some are merely chapels of ease, others chapels of ease and parochial. *Gibf.* 209.

Chapels of ease under a mother church.

A chapel merely of ease, is that which was not allowed a font at its institution, and which is used only for the ease of the parishioners in prayers and preaching (sacraments and burials being received and performed at the mother church,) and commonly where the curate is removable at the pleasure of the parochial minister; according to what Lindwood saith, where the minister of the mother church hath the cure of them both, yet he exerciseth the cure there by a vicar not perpetual, but temporary, and removable at pleasure: tho' in this case, Lindwood observes elsewhere, that there may be in other respects the rights of a parochial chapel by custom. But

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where a chapel is instituted, tho' with parochial rights, there is usually (if not always) a reservation, of repairing to the mother church, on a certain day or days, in order to preserve the subordination. *Gibf.* 209.

A parochial chapel is that which hath the parochial rights of christning and burying; and this differeth in nothing from a church, but in the want of a rectory and endowment. *Dege P.* 1. c. 12.

For the privileges of administering the sacraments (especially that of baptism) and the office of burial, are the proper rites and jurisdiction that make it no longer a depending chapel of ease, but a separate parochial chapel. For the liberties of baptism and sepulture, are the true distinct parochial rites. And if any new oratory hath acquired and enjoyed this immunity, then it differeth not from a parish church, but (says Mr Selden) may be stiled *capella parochialis*. And till the year 1300, in all trials of the rights of particular churches, if it could be proved that any chapel had a custom for free baptism and burial, such place was adjudged to be a parochial church. Hence at the first erection of these chapels, while they were designed to continue in subjection to the mother church, express care was taken at the ordination of them, that there should be no allowance of font or bells, or any thing that might be to the prejudice of the old church. And when any subordinate chapel did assume the liberty of burial, it was always judged an usurpation upon the rights of the mother church, to which the dead bodies of all inhabitants ought to be duly brought, and there alone interred. And if any doubt arose, whether a village were within the bounds of such a parish; no argument could more directly prove the affirmative, than evidence given, that the inhabitants of that village did bury their dead in the churchyard of the said parish. *Ken. Par. Ant.* 590, 591.

Their endowment and dependence.

5. When by long use and custom parochial bounds became fixed and settled, many of the parishes were still so large, that some of the remote hamlets found it very inconvenient to be at so great a distance from the church; and therefore for the relief and ease of such inhabitants, this new method was practised of building private oratories or chapels in any such remote hamlet, in which a chaplain was sometimes endowed by the lord of the manor, or some other benefactor, but generally maintained by a stipend from the parish priest, to whom all the rights and dues were intirely preserved. *Ken. Par. Ant.* 587.

But in order to authorise the erecting of a chapel of ease, the joint consent of the diocesan, the patron, and the incumbent

cumbent (if the church was full) were [and as it seemeth still are] all required. *Ken. Par. Ant.* 585, 586.

By a constitution of Othobon: *When a private person desireth to have a chapel of his own, and the bishop for just cause hath granted the same, the said bishop hath always provided, that this be done without prejudice to the right of any other; agreeably whereunto we do injoin, that the chaplains ministring in such chapels, which have been granted saving the right of the mother church, shall render to the rector of the said church all oblations and other things, which, if the said chaplains did not receive them, ought to accrue to the said mother church; and if any shall neglect or refuse so to do, he shall incur the pain of suspension until he shall conform.* *Athon.* 112.

But this is to be understood, unless a special privilege, or ancient custom do allow the contrary; or unless by composition with the rector of the mother church, he do retain yearly the fruits arising within the chapelry, paying for the same something in certain to the said rector. *Athon.* 112.

For a chapel may prescribe for tithes against the mother church. Thus in the case of *Sayer and Bland* (4 *Leon.* 24.) when the parson libelled for tithes against an inhabitant of a hamlet where was a chapel of ease, and it was shewed on the other side, that time out of mind the said hamlet had found a clerk to do divine service in the said chapel with part of their tithes, and (what was an usual composition upon the erection of a chapel) paid a certain sum of money to the parson and his predecessors for all tithes; the prescription was held to be good, and a prohibition was granted. *Gibf.* 209.

And at the consecration of a chapel, there was often some fixed endowment given to it, for its more light and easy dependence on the mother church: in some places being endowed with lands or tithes, and in some places by voluntary contributions. *Degge P.* 1. c. 12.

Yet nevertheless, at the first there were very many signs of the dependence of chapels on the mother church; of which the prime and most effectual was the payment of tithes and offerings and all profits whatsoever to the incumbent of the mother church. And therefore when such chapels were first allowed, a particular reserve was always made, that such a new foundation should be no prejudice to the parish priest and church. The constitutions of Egbert archbishop of York in the year 750, do take care that churches of ancient institution should not be deprived of tithes or any other rights, by giving or allotting any

part to new oratories. The same was also provided in a council under king Ethelred, by the advice of his two archbishops Alpheg and Wulfstan. Which constitution is also found in an elder council of Mentz; and in the imperial capitularies. And by the laws of king Edgar made about the year 970, it was ordained, that every man should pay his tithes to the *caldan mynstre*, to the elder or mother church: Only if a thain or lord should have within his own fee a church with a burial place (that is, a parochial chapel,) he might give a third part of his tithes to it; but if it had no privilege of burial (that is, if it were a bare appendant chapel,) then the law was, to maintain the priest out of his nine parts, that is, purely at his own charge, without laying any part of the burden on the priest of the parish church. *Ken. Par. Ant.* 594.

Another mark of dependence on the mother church was this: The inhabitants of the village which was thus accommodated with a chapel, were upon some festivals to repair to the mother church, as an expression of duty and obedience to it. This practice was enjoined by the 31st canon of the council of Agatha, and recommended by a decree of Gratian, and obtained as a custom in this kingdom. Yea, when chapels were first allowed to our colleges in Oxford, it was generally provided, that such liberty should be no prejudice to the parish church; and that the scholars of every such house should frequent the said parochial church in the greater solemnities of the year. Which custom doth still prevail at Lincoln college, where the rector and fellows on Michaelmas day go in their respective habits to the church of St Michael, and on the day of all-saints to the church of All-hallows. *Ken. Par. Ant.* 595.

Nor did the inhabitants of any village so privileged with a chapel barely visit the mother church, and join in the divine service; but as a farther sign of subjection, they made their oblations, and paid some accustomed dues at those solemn seasons. This was sometimes done upon every one of the three greater festivals of christmas, easter, and whitsunday. Sometimes those offerings were made only on the day of the dedication of the mother church. At other times and places, these solemn oblations were made only at whitsuntide, and this chiefly in cathedral and conventual churches, where, among all parish churches that were appropriated to them, or of their patronage, the priests and people came in solemn procession within the week of pentecost, and brought their usual offerings.

Whereupon

Whereupon we may fairly presume, that this old custom gave birth and name to the *pentecostals* or whitsun-contributions that were allotted to the bishops, and are still paid in some few dioceses. *Ken. Par. Ant.* 596, 597.

It was a farther honour done to mother churches, that all the hamlets and distant villages of a large parish, made one of their annual processions to the parochial church, with flags and streamers, and other ensigns of joy and triumph. This custom might possibly after the conquest be introduced by the Normans; for among the ecclesiastical constitutions made in Normandy in the year 1080, it is decreed, that once in a year about pentecost, the priests and capellanes should come with their people in a full procession to the mother church, and for every house should offer on the altar a wax taper to inlighten the church; or something of like value. *Ken. Par. Ant.* 598.

Moreover, the capellane or curate of a chapel was to be bound by an oath of due reverence and obedience to the rector or vicar of the mother church. This act of submission is enjoined by a constitution of archbishop Winchelsea. And the oath was this: *That to the parochial church and the rector and vicar of it, they would do no manner of hurt or prejudice in their oblations, portions, and all accustomed dues; but as much as lay in their power, would defend and secure them in all respects: that they would by no means raise, uphold, or any way abet any grudges, quarrels, difference, or contention, between the said rector or vicar and his parishioners; but as far as in them lay, would promote and maintain peace and charity between them.* And it was ordained, that all stipendiary priests and capellanes should make such oath before the rector or vicar or their deputy, on the first sunday or festival after their admission; and should not presume to celebrate divine service before such oath was actually taken (at least if the rector or vicar did insist upon it), on penalty of incurring irregularity, and such other punishments as the canons did inflict on all that violated the constitutions of holy church. And if the said capellanes, after such oath taken, should be convicted of the breach of it, or if suspected, should not be able to purge themselves, that then they should be turned out and proceeded against as perjured persons. And if any capellane renounced this obedience, and presumed to act in contempt of the mother church and the incumbent of it; a judicial process was formed against him, of which the issue was to eject and suspend him. *Ken. Par. Ant.* 599, 600.

And Dr Kennet says, this canon remaineth still in its full force. *Ken. Par. Ant.* 601.

And Mr Johnson saith accordingly, that they who officiate in any chapel of ease, do to this day swear obedience to the incumbent of the mother church. *Johns.* 205.

The inhabitants of a precinct where there is a chapel, tho' it is a parochial chapel, and tho' they do repair that chapel, are nevertheless of common right contributory to the repairs of the mother church. If they have seats at the mother church, to go thither when they please, or receive sacraments or sacramentals, or marry, christen, or bury at it, there can be no pretence for a discharge. Nor can any thing support that plea, but that they have time out of mind been discharged (which also is doubted whether it be of itself a full discharge); or that in consideration thereof, they have paid so much to the repair of the church, or the wall of the churchyard, or the keeping of a bell, or the like compositions (which are clearly a discharge). *Gibbs.* 197.

Dr Godolphin says, it is contrary to common right, that they who have a chapel of ease in a village, should be discharged of repairing the mother church; for it may be that the church, being built with stone, may not need any reparation within the memory of man; and yet that doth not discharge them, without some special cause of discharge shewed. *God.* 153.

If the chapel be three miles distant from the mother church, and the inhabitants who have used to come to the chapel, have used always to repair the chapel, and there marry and bury, and have never within sixty years been charged to repair the mother church; yet this is not any cause to have a prohibition: but they ought to shew in the spiritual court their exemption, if they have any, upon the endowment. *2 Roll's Abr.* 290.

But if the inhabitants of a chapelry prescribe to be discharged time out of mind of the reparation of the mother church, and they are sued for the reparation of the mother church, a prohibition lieth upon this surmise. *2 Roll's Abr.* 290.

T. 1 W. Ball and Crofs. The inhabitants of a chapelry within a parish, were prosecuted in the ecclesiastical court, for not paying towards the repairs of the parish church; and the case was, those of the chapelry never had contributed, but always buried at the mother church, till about Henry the eighth's time the bishop was prevailed

vailed on to consecrate them a burial place, in consideration of which they agreed to pay towards the repair of the mother church. All which appeared upon the libel. And it was held by Holt chief justice; that those of a chapelry may prescribe to be exempt from repairing the mother church, as where it buries and christens within it self, and hath never contributed to the mother church; for in that case it shall be intended co-eval, and not a latter erection in ease of those of the chapelry: but here it appears, that the chapel could be only an erection in ease and favour of them of the chapelry; for they of the chapelry buried at the mother church till Henry the eighth's time, and then undertook to contribute to the repairs of the mother church. 1 *Salk.* 164, 165. And altho' at the first sight, this may seem somewhat hard, yet it hath this good foundation of reason; that all chapels, and all discharges from attending divine service at the mother church, were originally matters of grace and favour; and the ease and convenience of particular inhabitants, ought not to be purchased with inconvenience and damage to the mother church; in whose right it was specially provided on those occasions, that nothing should be done in prejudice thereof. *Gibf.* 209.

6. The repairs of a chapel are to be made, by rates on the landholders within the chapelry, in the same manner, as the repairs of a church; and such rates are to be enforced by ecclesiastical authority. *Gibf.* 209. How to be repaired.

And there shall be the like appeals to the ordinary for unequal assessments. — But all this must be intended of ancient chapels, and where this course hath been used; for if there be land given for the repair of them, or any land or estate charged by prescription to the repairs of them, then the custom must be observed. *Degge P.* 1. c. 12.

7. The cure of chapels of ease, in many places, is to be performed by those that have the cure of souls in the parish. *Degge P.* 1. c. 12. How to be supplied.

And in such case, the incumbent of the mother church being bound to find a chaplain there, may himself serve in the chapel, as well as his curate or chaplain. *Watf.* c. 32.

By agreement (of the bishop, patron, and incumbent) the inhabitants may have a right to elect and nominate a capellane. Otherwise, the ancient custom was, that he was either arbitrarily appointed by the vicar; or by him nominated to the rector and convent, whose approbation did

did admit him; or was nominated by the inhabitants (as founders and patrons) to the vicar, and by him presented to the ordinary: for custom herein was different: sometimes a capellane was to be presented by the patron of the church to the vicar, and by him to the archdeacon, who was then obliged to admit him; at other times the lord of the manor did present a fit person to the appropriators, who without delay were to give admission to the person so presented. *Ken. Par. Ant.* 589.

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thereof.

8. Chapels of ease have the like officers for the most part as churches have, distinguished only in name. *Degge P. 1. c. 12.*

And are in like manner visitable by the ordinary. *Degge P. 1. c. 12.*

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tried.

9. It is said by *Rolle*, that if the question be in the court christian, whether a church be a parish church, or only a chapel of ease, a prohibition lieth. *2 Roll's Abr.* 291.

And *Dr Watson* saith, if the defendant in a quare impedit shall plead that the same is a chapel and no church; this matter shall be tried by the country, and not by the bishop. *Watf. c. 23.*

But *Dr Gibson* saith, that a chapel or no chapel ought to be tried by the spiritual judge: for a chapel is spiritual, as well as a church; and when two spiritual things are to be tried, no prohibition shall be granted; in like manner, as it goeth not, when a modus is pleaded, in a dispute between two spiritual persons, to wit, the rector and vicar, about tithes. *Gibf.* 210.

But he says, if a question is depending as to the limits thereof, whether a chapel of ease or a parish church, or whether a chapel of ease or a parochial chapel; the same shall be tried, as to the limits, in the temporal court. *Gibf.* 213.

When the question was, whether it were a church, or chapel belonging to the mother church, the issue was, whether it had a font and burying place; for if it had the administration of sacraments and sepulture, it was judged in law a church. *2 Inst.* 363.

If a person be patron of a chapel that hath parochial right, and doth present thereto by the name of a church, and the presentees have been received thereto, as to a church; it is no longer a chapel but a church: and if a disturbance happen upon any avoidance thereof, the patron may have his quare impedit as to a church. *Watf. c. 23.*

2 Inst. 363.

But on the contrary, a presentation to a church by the name of a chapel, will not make it cease to be a church; for the case was, that in the time of *Hen. 3.* there were two rectories, *A* and *B*, and the patron of *A* purchased the rectory of *B*. After which, constantly, presentations were to the church of *A* with the chapel of *B*. And it was resolved, that altho' the patrons of *A*. ever after the said purchase, had presented only unto the said church of *A* with the chapel of *B*; yet *B* notwithstanding remained in right a church, and the freehold of it in suspense. *Wat. c. 23. Sav. 17, 18.*

The particular duties, privileges, and appointments relating to ministers officiating in chapels, are treated of under the title *Curates*.

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CONCERNING lands given in *mortmain* to charitable uses, see title *Mortmain*.

By the 43 *El. c. 4.* *Whereas divers lands, tenements, rents, annuities, profits, hereditaments, goods, chattels, money, and stocks of money, have been heretofore given limited appointed and assigned, as well by the queen's majesty and her progenitors, as by sundry other well disposed persons; some for relief of aged, impotent, and poor people; some for maintenance of sick and maimed soldiers and mariners, schools of learning, free schools and scholars in universities; some for repair of bridges, ports, havens, causeways, churches, sea banks, and highways; some for education and preferment of orphans; some for or towards relief, stock, or maintenance for houses of correction; some for marriages of poor maids; some for supportation aid and help of young tradesmen, handicraftmen, and persons decayed; and other for relief or redemption of prisoners or captives; and for aid or ease of any poor inhabitants concerning payments of fifteens, setting out of soldiers, and other taxes; which nevertheless have not been employed according to the charitable intent of the givers and founders thereof, by reason of fraud, breaches of trust, and negligence in those that should pay, deliver, and employ the same; For remedy whereof, it is enacted, that it shall*

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shall be lawful for the lord chancellor or keeper of the great seal of England, and for the chancellor of the dutchy of Lancaster for lands within the county palatine of Lancaster, from time to time to award commissions to the bishop of every several diocese respectively and his chancellor (in case there shall be any bishop of that diocese at the time of awarding the commission) and other persons of good and sound behaviour; authorizing them thereby, or any four or more of them, to inquire as well by the oaths of twelve lawful men or more of the county, as by all other good and lawful ways and means, of all and singular such gifts limitations assignments and appointments aforesaid, and of the abuses, breaches of trusts, negligences, misemployments, not employing, concealing, defrauding, misconverting, or misgovernment, of any lands tenements rents annuities profits hereditaments goods chattels money or stocks of money, heretofore given limited appointed or assigned, or which hereafter shall be given limited appointed or assigned, to or for any the charitable and godly uses before rehearsed. And after, the said commissioners, or any four or more of them (upon calling the parties interested in any such lands tenements rents annuities profits hereditaments goods chattels money and stocks of money) shall make inquiry by the oaths of twelve men or more of the said county (whereunto the said parties interested may have their lawful challenges); and upon such inquiry, having, and examining thereof, set down such orders judgments and decrees, as the said lands tenements rents annuities profits goods chattels money and stocks of money may be duly and faithfully employed, to and for such of the charitable uses and intents before rehearsed respectively, for which they were given. Which orders, judgments and decrees, not being contrary to the orders statutes or decrees of the donors or founders, shall stand firm and good, and be executed accordingly; until the same shall be undone or altered by the lord chancellor or lord keeper or chancellor of the county palatine of Lancaster respectively, upon complaint by any party grieved to be made unto them. §. 1.

Provided, that this shall not extend to any lands tenements rents annuities profits goods chattels money or stocks of money, given or which shall be given to any college, hall, or house of learning within the universities of Oxford or Cambridge; or to any of the colleges of Westminster, Eaton, or Winchester; or to any cathedral or collegiate church; or to any city or town corporate, or to any the lands or tenements given to the uses aforesaid within any such city or town corporate, where there is a special governor or governors appointed to govern or direct the same; or to any college, hospital, or free-school, which have special visitors governors or overseers appointed by their founders.

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Provided also, that this shall not be prejudicial to the jurisdiction or power of the ordinary; but that he may lawfully in every case execute and perform the same, as tho' this act had not been made. §. 4.

Provided also, that no person who shall have any of the said lands tenements rents annuities profits hereditaments goods chattels money or stocks of money in his hands or possession, or shall pretend any title thereunto, shall be named a commissioner or a juror for any the causes aforesaid, or being named shall execute or serve in the same. §. 5.

And provided also, that no person who shall purchase or obtain, upon valuable consideration of money or land, any estate or interest in any lands tenements rents annuities hereditaments goods or chattels appointed to any the charitable uses abovementioned, without fraud or covin, having no notice of the same charitable use, shall be impeached by any decrees or orders of the commissioners abovementioned, for or concerning the same his estate or interest; and yet nevertheless, the said commissioners or any four of them shall and may make decrees and orders for recompence to be made by any person, who being put in trust, or having notice of the charitable uses abovementioned, shall break the same trust, or defraud the same uses, by any conveyance gift grant lease demise release or conversion, and against his heirs executors or administrators or any of them, having assets in law or equity, so far as the same assets will extend. §. 6.

Provided always, that this act shall not extend to give power or authority to the commissioners, to make any orders judgments or decrees concerning any manors lands tenements or other hereditaments assured or come unto the queen, or to king Henry the eighth, king Edward the sixth, or queen Mary, by act of parliament, surrender, exchange, relinquishment, escheat, attainder, conveyance, or otherwise; and yet nevertheless, if any such manors lands tenements or hereditaments, or any estate rent or profit out of the same, have been appointed to any of the charitable uses before expressed, at any time since the beginning of her majesty's reign, that then the said commissioners or any four or more of them may make orders judgments and decrees concerning the same, according to the purport and meaning of this act as before is mentioned, the said last mentioned proviso notwithstanding. §. 7.

And all orders judgments and decrees of the said commissioners or of any four or more of them shall be certified under their seals into the court of the chancery of England, or the court of the chancery within the county palatine of Lancaster respectively, within such convenient time as shall be limited in the said commission: And the said lord chancellor or lord keeper, and the said

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said chancellor of the dutchy, shall take such order for the due execution thereof, as to them shall seem fit and convenient. s. 8, 9.

And if after any such certificate made, any person shall find himself grieved with any of the said orders judgments or decrees; he may complain to the said lord chancellor or lord keeper or chancellor of the dutchy respectively, for redress therein: who may upon such complaint, by such course as to their wisdoms shall seem meetest, the circumstances of the case considered, proceed to the examination, hearing, and determining thereof; and upon hearing thereof, may annul, diminish, alter, or enlarge the said orders judgments and decrees, as to them shall be thought to stand with equity and good conscience, according to the true intent and meaning of the donors and founders thereof; and tax and award good costs of suit, by their discretions, against such persons as they shall find to complain unto them without just and sufficient cause, of the said orders judgments and decrees. s. 10.

S. 1. Some for relief &c.] Money was given to maintain a preaching minister: this is not a charitable use named in the statute. Yet by the lord keeper and two judges it was decreed to be good, and the use a charitable use within the equity of the statute; and the executor was ordered accordingly to pay the money for the maintenance of it. *Duke's Char. Uf. 82.*

Schools of learning] A school, unless it be a free school, is not a charity within the provision of this act; and consequently, the inhabitants have not a right to sue in the name of the attorney general. *2 Vern. 387. Vin. Tit. Charit. uses.*

To the bishop of every several diocese respectively] It was resolved in the 44 *El.* by Egerton, Popham, Anderfon, and Coke attorney general, that the see being full at the time of sealing the commission, if the bishop is not named commissioner, the commission is void; but if he be named, it is not requisite that he be present at the execution, for that none is of the quorum; but any four or more may execute the same, without the presence of the bishop or his chancellor. *Duke 62, 63.*

In case there shall be any bishop] It was resolved in the last mentioned case, that if the see of the bishop be void at the sealing of the commission, then the bishop need not to be named a commissioner, neither his chancellor. Or if the bishop be named a commissioner, and die before the certificate

certificate returned; this doth not avoid the commission, but the other commissioners may proceed. *Duke 63.*

As well by the oaths of twelve lawful men or more of the county] That is, (as was resolved in the case of the school of *Rugby*,) of that county where the lands do lie, and not where the charity ought to be employed, in case the counties are different. But five years after, to wit, in the 6 G. 1. it was further resolved, in the case of *East Grinstead*, that if a rent be granted out of lands in several counties, for maintenance of charitable uses in one county; the commissioners in that county where the charitable use is to be performed, may make a decree to charge the lands in other counties with an equal contribution to the payment of the said rent, and that there need not several inquisitions in each county, for that the rent is an intire grant, by the deed or will. *Duke 64. 80.*

As by all other good and lawful ways and means] Such are, former inquisitions, witnesses, rentals, accounts, estreats, and the like, and also their own proper knowledge: by which means they may supply the defects of the inquisition, in matters of particularity and circumstances. *Duke 150.*

Of all and singular such gifts, limitations, assignments, and appointments] It hath been often resolved, that this statute doth supply all the defects of assurances, where the donor is of a capacity to dispose, and hath such an estate as is any way disposeable by him; as if a copyholder disposeth of copyhold lands to a charitable use without a surrender, or tenants in tail convey lands to a charitable use without a fine, or if a reversion be granted without attornment or inrollment, or if in the deed by which the charitable uses were first created and raised there be misnamings; in these, and other like cases, the defects are supplied by this statute, because the donor had a disposing power of the estate, and these are good limitations and appointments within the present statute. *Duke 84, 85.*

Thus lands were given to the *churchwardens* of a parish, to a charitable use; tho' the devise was void in law, yet decreed good in chancery, by the words *limited and appointed* within the statute. *Duke 115.*

But a parol devise to a charity out of lands, being defective as a will, cannot be supported as an appointment; because being defective as a will, which was the manner of conveyance the testator intended to pass it by, it can have

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have no effect as an *appointment*, which he did not intend; and of this opinion the lord chancellor seemed to be, and decreed accordingly in the principal case. *Prec. Ch.* 391.

Upon calling the parties interested] It was resolved in the said case of *East Grinstead*, that tho' the commissioners make a decree without giving such notice to the parties, it is good; and if the parties upon their appeal do take exception that they had not any notice, such defect shall not avoid the decree, unless they shew (to the satisfaction of the lord chancellor) that thereby they really lost the benefit of exception to some commissioner, or challenge to some juror; the intent of such notice being, that they may make their lawful exceptions and challenges. *Duke* 121.

S. 2, 3. *Which have special visitors*] In the case of *Morpeth* in Northumberland, in the 5 *Cha.* 1. and after that, in the case of *Sutton Colfield*, in the county of *Warwick*, in the 11 *Cha.* 1. it was resolved, that the meaning of this clause is, where the land is given to persons in trust to perform a charitable use, and the donor hath appointed special visitors to see that the trustees perform the use according to his intent; in which case, if the trustees defraud the trust, the commissioners cannot meddle, but the visitors are to perform it. But where the visitors are trustees also, there the commissioners may, by their decree, reform the abuse of the charity; for otherwise, such breach of trust would escape unpunished, unless in chancery or in parliament; which would be a tedious and chargeable suit for poor persons. *Duke* 68, 69.

S. 10. *Hearing and determining thereof*] It was resolved in the 2 *Cha.* 1. that such determination once made, may not be re-examined upon a bill of review, as is usual in other cases in chancery; but that here the decree is conclusive, because it takes its authority by the act of parliament, which mentions but one examination; and it is not like the case, where the chancellor makes a decree by his ordinary authority. *Cro. Car.* 40.

But in the year 1643, it was resolved by the judges and king's council, assistants in the house of peers, that in such case the party grieved may petition the king in parliament, and have his complaint examined there; and so the decree may be confirmed, altered, or annulled; and then be final. All which was actually done, in the foresaid year, and pursuant to the foresaid resolution, on occasion

occasion of a decree of the lord keeper Coventry, in the case of *East Ham in Essex*. Duke 62.

According to the true intent and meaning of the donors and founders] E. 10 G. 2. *Attorney General and Stephens*. The case was, Dr Ratcliffe, the late physician, by will devised 300l a year to two persons, to be chosen by the archbishop of Canterbury and certain other trustees, out of University college in Oxford; which sum he ordered to be paid to them for ten years for their maintenance, five years whereof they were to spend in England, in the study of physick, and the other five abroad. The defendant was one so chosen, and studied here according to the directions of the will, and for that time he received his five years salary; but afterwards did not go abroad, on account of his ill state of health; and thereupon in the year 1730 resigned to the trustees, who accepted his resignation, and chose another in his room; and in the year 1735 the present information was exhibited against the defendant, that he might account for the five years salary by him thus received. For the defendant it was argued, that in a late case which came before the house of lords, between *Gaudy and Anstis*, upon an appeal, their lordships were of opinion that the word *maintenance* included education; and therefore, tho' that word was used in the present will, *education* must be intended by it as implied; and when the defendant had spent half of his time in his education here in England, and was prevented by ill health from going abroad, and thereupon had resigned, and his resignation had been accepted, and another chosen in his stead, it was submitted that the present bill must be thought an unreasonable one. And the lord chancellor was of that opinion, and dismissed the information. 2 *Jur. Eccl.* 157.

Costs . . . against such persons as they shall find to complain without just cause] But this order being given and limited by act of parliament, no costs (if the order judgment or decree be annulled diminished or enlarged) ought to be given by the lord chancellor to the party complaining. 2 *Inst.* 712.

But in the case of the corporation of *Burford* against *Lentball* and others, May 9, 1743; the lord chancellor Hardwicke, on consideration of precedents, allowed costs to the exceptants upon those exceptions in which they had prevailed, and to the respondents upon the exceptions in which the respondents had prevailed; and this, he said, the courts of equity had always done, not from any

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authority, but from conscience and honest discretion, as to the satisfaction on one side or other on account of vexation, 2 *Atkyns*, 552.

But there is no power to the commissioners to award costs: As in the case of *Humphrey Wharton*, esquire, against *Charles* and others in behalf of the poor of *Warcup* and *Bletarn* in the county of *Westmorland*, *H. 25 C. 2*. There being an annuity of 3l. 6s. 6d. issuing out of a close called *Meadow Poves* in *Kirkby Thore* in the said county, to several charitable uses, which close was purchased by the said *Humphrey Wharton*; the commissioners for charitable uses decreed, that the said *Humphrey* should pay the arrears of the said charity, and also 6l. 13s. 4d. costs. *Humphrey* excepted to the money for costs, as not within the power of the commissioners to decree. And by the lord chancellor the said decree, as to so much thereof as concerned the said costs, was reversed. *Cha. Ca. Finch. 81.*

Charity briefs. See *Briefs*.

Charles the first his martyrdom. See *Holidays*.

Charles the second's restoration. See *Holidays*.

Cheshire. See *Casula*.

Chest for alms. See *Church*.

Child-birth.

1. **EDMUND.** *If a woman die in child-birth, and this shall well appear, she shall be cut open, if it be believed that the child is living, but let them take care that the woman's mouth be kept open.* *Lind. 307.*

That is, with a piece of wood, or key, or any other thing, so that the air may enter, that the child be not suffocated for want of respiration. *Lind. 307.*

4. **Edmund.** *Women shall be often admonished, to nurse their children cautiously, and not lay the children close to them in the night, that they be not overlaid: and that they leave them not alone by the water side.* *Lind. 307.*

3. **Rubrick** before the office for the churching of women. *The woman, at the usual time after her delivery, shall come into the church decently apparelled, and there shall kneel down in some convenient place, as hath been accustomed, or as the ordinary shall direct.*

Decently apparelled] In the reign of king *James* the first, an order was made by the chancellor of *Norwich*, that every woman who came to be churched, should come covered

covered with a white veil: a woman refusing to conform, was excommunicated for contempt, and prayed a prohibition; alledging, that such order was not warranted by any custom or canon of the church of England. The judges desired the opinion of the archbishop of Canterbury; who convened divers bishops to consult thereupon: and they certifying, that it was the ancient usage of the church of England, for women who came to be churched to come veiled, a prohibition was denied. *Palm.*

296. 4. Rubrick at the end of the office for churching of women. *The woman that cometh to give her thanks, must offer accustomed offerings; and if there be a communion, it is convenient that she receive the holy communion.*

Accustomed offerings] E. 2 G. 2. *Naylor and Scott.* In a prohibition granted to stay a suit in the spiritual court by the vicar of Wakefield, grounded upon a custom for a due for churching of women, which was alledged to be this; viz. that every inhabitant keeping an house and having a family, in Wakefield in Yorkshire, and having a child or children born in that parish, at the time of churching the mother of the child, or at the usual time after her delivery when she should be churched, have time out of mind paid 10 d. to the vicar of that parish, for or in respect of such churching, or at the usual times when the mother of such child should be church-ed. Issue was taken upon the custom, and a verdict was found for the defendant, that there was such a custom. And upon motion of the plaintiff in arrest of judgment, to prevent the granting a consultation, the court being of opinion that it was a void custom (first, because it was not alledged what was the usual time the women were to be churched, and therefore uncertain; secondly, because it was unreasonable, because it obliged the husband to pay, if the woman was not churched at all, or if she went out of the parish, or died, before the time of churching) judgment was arrested. *L. Raym.* 1558.

Which case, by the author of a book called *Jura Ecclesiastica*, is thus reported more at large: A libel was in the consistory court of York, founded upon a custom, that every one keeping house, and having children in the parish, should pay 10 d. a child to the parson, at the time the wife is or ought to be churched. The counsel apprehended it to be an unreasonable custom, that the parson should have money for doing of nothing, and so moved for a prohibition; for they said the proper way was, if the wife would not be churched at the proper time, to force her to

it by ecclesiastical censures. Afterwards, the custom being denied, the same was tried on a prohibition, and a verdict given for the custom. Then it was moved in arrest of judgment; 1. That the custom is unreasonable in itself: And, 2. That it is uncertainly set forth. To the first, it was answered, that religion requires a woman should return thanks to God in a publick manner, for so great a deliverance; and therefore it is but fit that he who assists her in such office should have some requital. To the second, it was said, that there are other cases where the temporal courts allow the ecclesiastical courts to set forth matters equally uncertain as in the present case, even upon libels on customs, and have not granted prohibitions; as where a libel was upon a custom, that the farmers of such a farm have always laid out 8 s. *or thereabouts* for cakes and ale in the perambulation, and yet held to be sufficiently set forth; and besides, it was said, if the court was in doubt, whether the proceedings in the courts below were usually in so uncertain a manner, the proper method would be to write to them to certify how their proceedings are there; to this purpose was cited the (aforesaid) case, where a libel was for a woman not coming to be church'd in a veil, whereupon a prohibition being moved for, the court wrote to the archbishop to certify how the canons in that case were, and he certified the canon to require it. It was observed further, that tho' indeed the woman's fitness to be church'd is unknown to the temporal courts, yet to the ecclesiastical courts it is well known, and therefore they might well have proceeded upon it below. The canon law says, that a month is a reasonable time for women's coming to be church'd after their deliverance, unless in case of great weakness; and that standard is the proper one to regulate this custom by; and therefore the court below ought to be allowed to go on in their proceedings. But by the court: We are not to consider the methods by which this fee may be ascertained, but only that it is not certain as it stands upon the libel; and therefore upon the libel we ought not to suffer them to proceed. And they said the proper method in this case would have been, for the plaintiff to set forth in the libel, the proper time when women usually are fit to be church'd, and then to have averred, that the defendant's wife was not church'd within that time. And upon the whole matter judgment was arrested. *Jur. Eccl. V. 2. p. 350.*

Choripisopi.

Chorepiscopi.

CHOREPISCOPI, local bishops, in the ancient church, were persons delegated by the bishop to exercise episcopal jurisdiction, within certain districts.

Chrisme.

CHRISME, was the holy oil, with which heretofore all infants baptized were anointed: This was made by the bishops; and, by a constitution of archbishop Peccham, was to be renewed once every year.

Chrisome.

CHRISOME, in the office of baptism, was a white vesture which the priest did put upon the child, saying, Take this white vesture for a token of innocency; and so on. *Gibf. 366.*

Christening. See Baptism.

Church.

- I. *Founding of churches.*
- II. *Consecration and dedication of churches.*
- III. *Chancel.*
- IV. *He.*
- V. *Church yard.*
- VI. *Repairs.*
- VII. *Church seat.*

Church.

VIII. Goods and ornaments of the church.

IX. Church rate.

X. Churches not to be profaned.

XI. Church way.

I. Founding of churches.

THE ancient Saxon word is *cyrce*, the Danish *kircke*, the Belgick *kercke*, the Cimbrick *kirchia* or *kurk*; probably from the Greek word *Κυριακον*, belonging to the Lord, or *Κυριου οικος*, the Lord's house: so that we have lost the ancient pronunciation of the word (except in the northern parts of England, and in Scotland) by softening the letters *c* or *ch*, as we have done in many cases; which letters the ancient Greeks and Romans always pronounced hard as, the letter *k*.

Lord Coke says, by the common law and general custom of the realm, it was lawful for bishops earls and barons to build churches or chapels within their sees; and hereof king John informed pope Innocent the third (naming only, *honoris causa*, the bishops and baronage of England, albeit this liberty extended to all), with request, that this liberty to the baronage might be confirmed. To these letters the pope made this answer, *Quod enim de consuetudine regni Anglorum procedere regia serenitas per suas literas intimavit, ut liceat tam episcopis, quam comitibus et baronibus, ecclesias in feodo suo fundare; laicis quidem principibus id licere nullatenus denegamus, dummodo dio- cesani episcopi eis suffragetur assensus, et per novam structuram veterum ecclesiarum justitia non laedatur.* Whereas the baronage had absolute liberty before, now the pope addeth the consent of the bishop; but that addition bound not, seeing it was against the liberty of the baronage warranted by the common law: and he says he would not have rehearsed this epistle, but that it is a proof what the general custom of the realm was, concerning the building of churches by the baronage of England. And albeit they might build churches without the king's licence, yet could they not erect a spiritual politick body to continue in succession, and capable of endowment, without the king's licence: but by the common law, before the statutes of mortmain, they might have endowed this spiritual body once incorporated, *perpetuis futuris temporibus*, without any licence from the king or any other. 3 *Inst.* 201, 202. Which body, so incorporated,

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is not dissolved, tho' the church is drowned, or otherwise destroyed; but, in that case, one may be presented to the rectory, and shall be liable to annuities and other charges: the church, in consideration of law, being properly the *cure of souls* and the *right of tithes*. Gibf. 189.

But Dr *Gibson* observeth on the contrary, that no person may erect a church, without the leave and consent of the bishop. And this, he says, is agreeable to the rules both of the civil and canon law, and was made an express law of the church of England, many years before the reign of king John, viz. in the council of Westminster in the time of king Stephen. Nor could this right of the bishop be defeated by the exemptions of religious persons from episcopal jurisdiction; who might not, under colour of such exemptions, erect churches in any part of their possessions not exempt, without leave from the bishop; as we find it specially adjudged, in the body of the canon law. And to this, the pope's answer to king John is exactly agreeable, *laicis quidem principibus id licere nullatenus denegamus, dummodo diocesani episcopi eis suffragetur assensus*. And king John's letter doth not relate to a right of erecting with or without licence; since the occasion of it was, the building of a collegiate chapel by the archbishop, who was his own licence; and the only objection was, that the building of it would be prejudicial to the church of Canterbury. Gibf. 188.

But it is to be observed, that these two assertions are not contradictory; for the one says only that by the civil and canon law it might not be done, and the other says that it might be done by the common law: altho' lord Coke produceth no instances, before the reign of king John or after, of churches erected without the licence of the diocesan. And it seemeth to amount to the same thing, so long as the bishop hath power (unto which lord Coke assenteth) after the church is erected to withhold or deny the consecration.

And not only the bishop, by refusing to consecrate, may hinder the establishment of a new church or chapel in any parish; but also any other person thinking himself injured thereby, as by incroaching upon his ground, stopping his way, or the like, may apply to the temporal courts, who (as they see cause) will grant him redress.

The ancient manner of founding churches was, after the founders had made their application to the bishop of the diocese, and had his licence, the bishop or his

commissioners set up a cross, and set forth the ground, where the church was to be built; and then the founders might proceed in the building of the church: and when the church was finished, the bishop was to consecrate it, but not till it was endowed; and before, the sacraments were not to be administered in it. *Degge, part 1. c. 12.*

For albeit churches or chapels may be built by any of the king's Subjects, yet before the law take knowledge of them to be churches or chapels, the bishop is to consecrate or dedicate the same: and this is the reason, that a church or not a church, a chapel or not a chapel, shall be tried and certified by the bishop. *3 Inst. 203.*

II. Consecration and dedication of churches.

No church till consecration.

1. The law (as was said before) takes no notice of churches or chapels, till they are consecrated by the bishop: But the canon law supposes, that with consent of the bishop, divine service may be performed, and sacraments administered in churches and chapels not consecrated; inasmuch as it provides, that a church shall have the privilege of immunity, in which the divine mysteries are celebrated, altho' it be not yet consecrated: and there are many licences to that effect (granted on special occasions) in our ecclesiastical records. *Gibf. 190.*

No consecration before endowment.

2. And after a new church is erected, it may not be consecrated, without a competent endowment. And this was made a law of the church of England in the 16th canon of the council of London, *A church shall not be consecrated, until necessary provision be made for the priest.* And the canon law goes further; requiring the endowment, not only to be made before consecration, but even to be ascertained and exhibited before they begin to build. And the civil law is yet more strict; enjoining, that the endowment be actually made, before the building be begun. *Gibf. 189.*

Which endowment was commonly made, by an allotment of manse and glebe by the lord of the manor; who thereby became patron of the church. Other persons also, at the time of dedication, often contributed small portions of ground: which is the reason, why in many parishes the glebe is not only distant from the manor, but lies in remote divided parcels. *Ken. Par. Ant. 222, 223.*

3. It appears by good chronology, that the first who decreed that churches should be consecrated, was *Euginus*, a greek, and priest of Rome; who was the first that styled himself pope, in the year 154. *God. 49.* Consecration enjoined.

Afterwards the same was enforced in this realm by a constitution of *Otho*, in this manner: *The dedication of churches is known to have had its beginning under the old testament, and was observed by the holy fathers under the new testament; under which it ought to be done with the greater care and dignity, because that under the old testament were only offered sacrifices of dead animals, but under the new testament is offered for us upon the altar by the hands of the priest, the heavenly living and true sacrifice the only begotten Son of God. Wherefore the holy fathers provided, that so sublime an office should not be performed (unless in case of necessity) but in places dedicated. Now because we have seen and heard, that so wholesome a mystery is contemned, or at least neglected, by some; having found many churches, and some of them cathedrals, which although they have been built of old time, yet have not as yet been consecrated with the oil of sanctification: Therefore being desirous to remedy so dangerous a neglect, we do decree, that all cathedral, conventual, and parochial churches, which are now built and the walls thereof perfected, be consecrated by the diocesan bishops, or others authorized by them, within two years: And let it so be done within the like time, in all churches hereafter to be built. And to the end that so wholesome a mystery and ordinance may not pass into contempt; if such places be not dedicated within two years from the time of the finishing thereof, they shall be interdicted from the solemnities of the mass, until they be consecrated, unless they be excused for some reasonable cause. Moreover, by the present ordinance we do forbid the abbots and rectors of churches, to pull down ancient consecrated churches, under pretence of building larger or more beautiful, without licence and consent of the diocesan: And the diocesan shall diligently consider, whether it be expedient to grant or to deny such licence; and if he shall grant the same, let him take care that the work be finished as soon as may be. Athon 7.*

Interdicted from the solemnities of the mass] That is, from the solemn or high mass; but not from the common celebration of mass, or other inferior offices. *Athon. 7.*

And also by a constitution of *Othobon*: the rector or vicar of an unconsecrated church, shall apply to the bishop (if

it can conveniently be done), otherwise to the archdeacon that he may apply to the bishop, within a year after the building of the church, for the consecration thereof: upon pain that such rector vicar or archdeacon making default, shall be suspended from their office till they comply: and the bishop shall exact nothing therefore, but the accustomed procuration. Athon 83.

Time of consecration.

4. The consecration of churches may be performed, indifferently, on any day: So it was established by a decretal epistal of pope Innocent the third. And according to the calculation of learned men, Constantine's famous dedication of the church of Jerusalem, in a full synod, was on a saturday, and not on the sunday. *Gibf.* 189.

And this consecration ought to be in the time of divine service. The gloss upon the canon law maketh a doubt whether this is not of the substance of the consecration: But be that as it will, it is certainly very decent. *Gibf.* 189.

Form of consecration.

5. The emperor Justinian, in his care of the church, hath prescribed a form of consecration of churches [or rather, of the ground upon which it is to be built] in this manner: His law is, "That none shall presume to erect a church, until the bishop of the diocese hath been first acquainted therewith, and shall come and lift up his hands to heaven, and consecrate the place to God by prayer, and erect the symbol of our salvation, the venerable and truly precious rood." *God.* 47.

In the church of England, every bishop is left to his own discretion, as to the form of consecrating churches and chapels: Only by the statute of the 21 H. 8. c. 13. for limiting the number of chaplains, it is there assigned as one reason why a bishop may retain six chaplains because he must occupy that number in the consecration of churches.

There was a form drawn up in the convocation, in the year 1661 (occasioned, as some think, by the offence taken at bishop Laud's ceremonious manner of consecrating St Katharine's Creed-Church in London;) but this was not authorized, nor published. *Gibf.* 189. *Johns.* 20.

Which form of bishop Laud's in the aforesaid instance, was thus: He came on a sunday, being the 16th day of January 1630, to the west door of that church; and

and some persons, who were prepared for that purpose, spoke aloud these words, *Open, open ye everlasting doors, that the King of glory may enter in.* Immediately the doors were opened, and the bishop and some other doctors entered; then he kneeled, and with eyes lifted up, and his arms spread, he pronounced the place to be holy, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Then he threw some of the dust of the church into the air, several times, as he approached the chancel; and when he came to the rails of the communion table, he bowed towards it several times. Then they all went round the church, repeating the 100th psalm, and afterwards a form of prayer, which concluded thus; *We consecrate this church, and set it apart to thee, O Lord Christ, as holy ground, not to be profaned any more to common use.* Returning to the communion table, he pronounced curses against those who should profane that place, and at every curse he bowed towards the east, and said, *Let all the people say Amen.* Afterwards he pronounced blessings on all those who should be benefactors, and repeated, *Let all the people say Amen.* Then there was a sermon; and after that the sacrament was administered; and when he came near the altar, he bowed seven times; and coming to the bread he gently lifted up the napkin, which he laid down again, and withdrew, and bowed several times; then he uncovered the bread, and bowed as before; the like he did with the cover of the cup; then he received the sacrament; and gave it to some principal men; after which, many prayers being said, the solemnity of the consecration ended. 2 *Rushw. Hist. Coll.* 77.

Again, in the year 1712, a form of consecrating churches and chapels and churchyards or places of burial, was sent down from the bishops to the lower house of convocation, on the second day of April; and was altered by the committee of the whole house, and reported to the house on the ninth day of the same month; which was agreed to with some alterations: Which form, as it did not receive the royal assent, was not enjoined to be observed; but is now generally used; and is as follows:

Prepara-

Church.

Preparations in order to the consecrating of a church.

The church is to be pewed, and furnished with a reading desk, common prayer, and great bible, and one or more surplices, as also with a pulpit and cushion, a font, and a communion table, and with linen, and vessels for the same.

The endowment, and the evidences thereof, are to be laid before the bishop or his chancellor, some time before the day appointed, in order to the preparing of the act or sentence of consecration against that day.

An intimation of the bishop's intention to consecrate the church, with the day and hour appointed for it, is to be fixed on the church door at least three days before.

A chair is to be set for the bishop on the north side of the communion table, within the rails; and another for his chancellor without the rails, on the same side.

All things are to be prepared for a communion. The church is to be kept shut, and empty, till the bishop comes, and till it be opened for his going in.

The form of consecrating a church.

(If the church to be consecrated be a new church built in an old parish; then to be met by the minister of the place, the churchwardens, and some of the principal inhabitants.)

The bishop is to be received at the west door, or at some other part of the church, or churchyard, which is most convenient for his entrance, by some of the principal inhabitants.

At the place where the bishop is received, a petition is to be delivered to him by some one of the persons who receive him, praying that he will consecrate the church.

The petition is to be read by the register.

The bishop, his chaplains, the preacher, and the minister who is to read divine service, together with the rest of the clergy, if any other be present, enter the church, and repair to the vestry, or (if there be no vestry) to some convenient part of the church, where, as many as are to officiate put on their several habits; during which time, the parishioners are to repair to their seats, and the middle ile is to be kept clear.

As soon as the church is quiet, the bishop and his chaplains, with the preacher and the minister who is to officiate, and the rest of the clergy, if any other be present, return to the west door, and go up the middle ile to the communion table, repeating the 24th psalm alternately, as they go up, the bishop one verse, and they another.

PSALM XXIV.

1. The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

2. For he hath founded it upon the seas : and prepared it upon the floods.

3. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord, or who shall rise up in his holy place ?

4. Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart : and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

5. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord : and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6. This is the generation of them that seek him : even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates ; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory shall come in.

8. Who is the King of glory ? it is the Lord, strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates ; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory shall come in.

10. Who is the King of glory ? even the Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

The bishop and his chaplains go within the rails ; the bishop to the north side of the communion table, and the chaplains to the south side : The minister officiating goes to the reading desk, and the preacher to some convenient seat near the pulpit.

The bishop, sitting in his chair, is to have the instrument or (This not need-
instruments of donation and endowment presented to him by the founder, or some proper substitute ; which he lays upon the communion table, and then standing up, and turning to the congregation, says, ful, if it be a
new church built
in an old parish.)

Dearly beloved in the Lord ; forasmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the law as under the gospel, moved either by the secret inspiration of the Blessed Spirit, or by the express command of God, or by their own reason and sense of the natural decency of things, have erected houses for the public worship of God, and separated them from all profane and common uses, in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence for his glorious majesty, and affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in his service ; which pious works have been approved and graciously accepted by our heavenly Father : Let us not doubt but he will also favourably approve our godly purpose, of setting apart this place in solemn manner, to the performance of the several offices of religious worship, and let us faithfully and devoutly beg his blessing on this our undertaking.

Then

Then the bishop kneeling, says the following prayer.

O Eternal God, mighty in power, and of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands, and who yet has been graciously pleased to promise thy especial presence in whatever place even two or three of thy faithful servants shall assemble in thy name, to offer up their praises and supplications unto thee; vouchsafe, O Lord, to be present with us, who are here gathered together, with all humility and readiness of heart, to consecrate this place to the honour of thy great name; separating it from henceforth from all unhallowed, ordinary, and common uses, and dedicating it to thy service, for reading thy holy word, for celebrating thy holy sacraments, for offering to thy glorious Majesty the sacrifices of prayer and thanksgiving, for blessing thy people in thy name, and for the performance of all other holy ordinances: Accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with such success, as may tend most to thy glory, and the furtherance of our happiness both temporal and spiritual, through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

After this, let the bishop stand up, and turning his face toward the congregation, say:

Regard, O Lord, the supplications of thy servants; and grant, that whosoever shall be dedicated to thee in this house by baptism, may be sanctified with the Holy Ghost, delivered from thy wrath and eternal death, and received as a living member of Christ's church, and may ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that they who at this place shall in their own persons renew the promises and vows made by their sureties for them at their baptism, and thereupon shall be confirmed by the bishop, may receive such a measure of thy Holy Spirit, that they may be enabled faithfully to fulfil the same, and grow in grace unto their lives end. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive in this place the blessed sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, may come to that holy ordinance with faith, charity, and true repentance; and being filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, may to their great and endless

comfort, obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of his passion. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that by thy holy word which shall be read and preached in this place, and by thy Holy Spirit, grafting it inwardly in the heart, the hearers thereof may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and may have power and strength to fulfil the same. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be joined together in this place in the holy estate of matrimony, may faithfully perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, and may remain in perfect love together unto their lives end. *Amen.*

Grant, we beseech thee, blessed Lord, that whosoever shall draw near unto thee in this place, to give thee thanks for the benefits which they have received at thy hands, to set forth thy most worthy praise, to confess their sins unto thee, and to ask such things as are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul; may do it with such stedfastness of faith, and with such seriousness, affection, and devotion of mind, that thou mayest accept their bounden duty and service, and vouchsafe to give whatever in thy infinite wisdom thou shalt see to be most expedient for them: All which we beg for Jesus Christ his sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The bishop sitting in his chair.

Then the sentence of consecration is to be read by the chancellor, and signed by the bishop, and by him ordered to be registered, and then laid upon the communion table.

After this, the person appointed is to read the service for the day, except where it is otherwise directed.

Proper psalms, 84, 122, 132.

First lesson, 1 Kings 8. from v. 22. incl. to v. 62.

Second lesson, Hebr. 10. from v. 19. incl. to v. 26.

After the collect for the day, the minister who reads the service stops till the bishop hath said the following prayer:

O most blessed Saviour, who by thy gracious presence at the feast of dedication, didst approve and honour such religious services, as this which we are now performing unto thee, be present at this time with us also by thy Holy Spirit; and because holiness becometh thine house for ever, sanctify us we pray thee, that we may be living temples, holy and acceptable unto thee; and so dwell in our hearts by faith, and possess our souls by thy
grace,

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grace, that nothing which defileth may enter into us ; but that being cleansed from all carnal and corrupt affections, we may ever be devoutly given to serve thee in all good works, who art our Saviour, Lord, and God, blessed for evermore. *Amen.*

Then the minister proceeds in the service of the day, to the end of the general thanksgiving. After which, the bishop says the following prayer [if it be not one of the 50 new churches].

Blessed be thy name, O Lord, that it hath pleased thee to put it into the heart of thy * *servant N.* to erect this house to thy honour and worship. Bless, O Lord † *him*, his family, and substance, and accept the work of *his* hands ; remember *him* concerning this ; wipe not out this kindness that *he* hath shewed for the house of *his* God and the offices thereof ; and grant that all, who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work, may shew forth their thankfulness by making a right use of it, to the glory of thy blessed name, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(* Or Servants.)
(† Throughout this prayer, for *him, his, he, bath ; say, them, they, abeir, she, her, have*, as the occasion shall require.)

[If the church that is to be consecrated, be one of the 50 new churches, which are ordered to be built by the late acts of parliament, the bishop says ;

Blessed be thy name, O Lord God, that it hath pleased thee by thy good Spirit to dispose our gracious sovereign and the estates of this realm, to supply the spiritual wants of thy people, by appointing this and many other churches to be erected and endowed for thy worship and service ; multiply thy blessings upon them, for their pious regard to thy honour, and to the good of souls ; remember them concerning this, and wipe not out the kindness they have shewed to thy church, and to the offices thereof ; and grant that our gracious king may see and long enjoy the fruits of his godly zeal, in the edification of the members of our church, and in the reduction of those, in the spirit of meekness, who dissent from it ; that we may all live together in the unity of the Spirit, and in the bond of peace, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the minister who officiates, is to go on with the prayer of St. Chrysostom, and the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Then a psalm is to be sung, viz. 26. 6, 7, 8. with Gloria Patri.

Communion service.

The bishop, standing on the north side of the communion table, as before, reads the communion service.

After

After the collect for the king, he says the following prayer.

O most glorious Lord God, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to offer unto thee any thing belonging to us; yet we beseech thee, in thy great goodness graciously to accept the dedication of this place to thy service, and to prosper this our undertaking: Receive the prayers and intercessions of us, and all others thy servants, who either now or hereafter entering into this house, shall call upon thee; and give both them and us grace to prepare our hearts to serve thee with reverence and godly fear: Affect us with an awful apprehension of thy Divine Majesty, and a deep sense of our own unworthiness; that so, approaching thy sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, and coming before thee with clean thoughts and pure hearts, with bodies undefiled, and minds sanctified, we may always perform a service acceptable to thee, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The two chaplains are to read, one the epistle, and the other the gospel.

The Epistle, 2 Cor. 6. 14 incl. to v. 17.

The gospel, Joh. 2. v. 13. to v. 18. incl.

Then the bishop reads the Nicene cred. After which, a psalm is sung, viz. Ps. 100.

The Sermon.

The sermon being ended, and all who do not receive the holy communion returned, and the doors shut; the bishop proceeds in the communion service; and he and the clergy having made their oblations, the churchwardens collect the offerings of the rest of the congregation.

After the communion, and immediately before the final blessing, the bishop says the following prayer.

Blessed be thy name, O Lord God, for that it pleaseth thee to have thy habitation among the sons of men, and to dwell in the midst of the assembly of the saints upon earth; bless, we beseech thee, the religious performance of this day: And grant that in this place, now set apart to thy service, thy holy name may be worshipped in truth and purity to all generations, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the

Church.

Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Consecration of a churchyard, together with the church.

When the service in the church is finished; the bishop, clergy, and people proceed to the churchyard. And the bishop, standing in the place prepared for the performance of the office there, the act or sentence of consecration is read by the chancellor, and signed by the bishop, and ordered to be registered.

After which, the bishop says the following prayer.

O God, who hast taught us in thy holy word, that there is a difference between the spirit of a beast that goeth downwards to the earth, and the spirit of a man which ascendeth up to God who gave it; and likewise by the example of thy holy servants, in all ages, hast taught us to assign peculiar places, where the bodies of thy saints may rest in peace, and be preserved from all indignities, whilst their souls are safely kept in the hands of their faithful Redeemer: Accept, we beseech thee, this charitable work of ours, in separating this portion of ground to that good purpose; and give us grace, that by the frequent instances of mortality which we behold, we may learn and seriously consider, how frail and uncertain our condition here on earth is, and so number our days, as to apply our hearts unto wisdom. That in the midst of life thinking upon death, and daily preparing ourselves for the judgment that is to follow, we may have our part in the resurrection to eternal life, with Him who died for our sins, and rose again for our justification, and now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Consecration of a churchyard singly.

The ordinary service for the day is to be read at the church, except where it is otherwise ordered.

Psalms 39. 90.

First

First lesson, Gen. 23.

Second lesson, Joh. 5. v. 21. incl. to v. 30 or i Thess. 4. 13. to the end.

When the service at the church is over, the bishop, clergy, and parishioners repair to the ground, which is to be consecrated: And the bishop, standing in the place prepared for the performance of the office, says:

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handy work.

Then the instrument of donation is presented to the bishop.

Next, the act or sentence of consecration is read by the chancellor, and signed by the bishop, and ordered to be registered.

This done, the bishop reads the prayer that is before directed to be used in a churchyard which is consecrated together with the church.

Then are sung two verses of the 39th psalm, viz. v. 5, 6, 7, 8.

After which the bishop lets them depart with the blessing:

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

6. In the consecration of a new church, provision is to be made, that no damage accrue, in point of rights or revenues, to any other church. And in the forementioned letter of Innocent the third to king John, one express condition of building new churches is, that by the new building the right of ancient churches be not prejudiced. *Gibbs. 189.*

Other churches
not to be prejudiced
thereby.

7. A reasonable procuration is due, to every bishop *Procurations* who consecrates a church, from the person or persons praying such consecration; not for the consecration, but for the necessary refreshment of the bishop and his servants. For whereas ordinations, institutions, and other acts of the like nature, are performed by the bishop within his own walls; this draws him sometimes to a great distance from his palace, where proper accommodations cannot be procured: and therefore, as in his visitations, so also in his consecrations of churches, the law hath provided a reasonable procuration. At first, the laws of the church forbade the demanding or taking any thing, but what the founder voluntarily offered (and some even for-

bad that;) but afterwards the prohibition was limited, *saving the honest and lawful customs of the ecclesiasticks*, and (as it is in the foregoing constitution of Othobon) *except the due procuration*: the measure and proportion of which, must be determined by the usage of every diocese. In archbishop Warham's time, the see of Bath and Wells being vacant, there is returned among the revenues of the vacancy, for the consecration of three churches, 10 l. that is, 3 l. 6 s. 8 d. each. *Gibf. 190.*

The church of Eusefeld in the diocese of Lincoln was consecrated in the year 1273; for which was paid a procuration of two marks. *Ken. Par. Ant. 515.*

Reconsecration.

8. A church once consecrated, may not be consecrated again. To which general rule of the canon law, one exception was, *unless they be polluted by the shedding of blood*; and in that case, the canon supposes a reconsecration; tho' the common method in England was, a *reconciliation* only, as appeareth by many instances in our ecclesiastical records. But in point of ruins or decay, the only exception to the general rule, laid down in the canon, is, *unless they be burnt* (that is, saith the gloss, *for the greater part thereof, and not otherwise*). And a decretal epistle of Innocent the third, where the roof was consumed, is, *that since the walls were intire, and the communion table not burnt*, neither the one nor the other ought to be reconsecrated. Thus, a chapel in the suburbs of Hereford, which belonged to the priory of St John of Jerusalem, had been from the time of the dissolution of monasteries, applied to secular uses and profaned, by making the same a stall for cattle, and a place for laying up their hay and other provender; yet because the walls and roof were never demolished, a *reconciliation* was judged sufficient. In like manner, when another chapel had been long disused, and was repaired, and made fit for divine service, the tenor of the reconciliation was, *The same chapel from all canonical impediment, and from every profanation (if any there were) contracted and incurred, as much as in us lieth, and so far as lawfully we may, by the authority aforesaid we do exempt, relax, and reconcile the same.* *Gibf. 189.*

But on the contrary, when the church of Southmallington had not only been polluted in manner as aforesaid, but was also new built, and then used for divine offices without new consecration; archbishop Abbot interdicted the minister, churchwardens and parishioners from the entrance of the church, until the said church and the churchyard thereof should be again consecrated. *Gibf. 190.*

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When a churchyard hath been *enlarged*, there hath been a new consecration of the additional part. *Gibf.* 190.

9. In a form of consecrating churches, which we meet with in a canon of the synod held at Celechyth under Wulfred archbishop of Canterbury in the year 816, it is ordained, that when a church is built, it shall be consecrated by the proper diocesan, who shall take care that the saint, to whom it is dedicated, be pictured on the wall, or on a tablet, or on the altar. And Sir William Dugdale had an old transcript of a decree made by Robert de Winchelsea archbishop of Canterbury, and confirmed by Walter Reynolds his immediate successor, whereby the parishioners thro' that whole province were commanded to provide, that the image of that saint to whose memory the church was dedicated, should be carefully preserved in the chancel of every parish church. And Dr Kennet says, he remembers in the chancel of the church of Postling in Kent, on the side of the north wall, about five foot from the ground, there was a small square tablet of brass, with a latin inscription in old characters, telling the time when the church was dedicated to the virgin Mary.

Feast of the dedication.

The *wake* or customary festival for the dedication of churches, doth signify the same as vigil or eve. The reason of the name is best given from an old manuscript legend of St John Baptist: "Ye shall understand and know, how the evens were first founded in old times. In the beginning of holy church it was so, that the people came to the church with candles burning, and would wake and come with lights towards night to the church in their devotions: and after, they fell to lechery, and songs, and dances, harping and piping, and also to gluttony and sin; and so turned the holiness to cursedness. Wherefore the holy fathers ordained the people to leave that waking, and to fast the even. But it is still called *vigil*, that is, *waking* in english; and it is also called the *even*, for at even they were wont to come to church."

It was in imitation of the primitive *αγαναι*, or love feasts, that such publick assemblies, accompanied with friendly entertainments, were first held upon each return of the day of consecration, tho' not in the body of churches, yet in the churchyards, and most nearly adjoining places.

This practice was established in England by pope Gregory the great; who in an epistle to Melitus the abbat, gives injunctions to be delivered to Austin the monk, a missionary to England; amongst which, he doth allow that the solemn anniversary of dedication should be celebrated in those churches which were made out of heathen temples, with religious feasts kept in sheds or arbores, made up with branches and boughs of trees round the said church.

But as the love feasts held in the place of worship were soon liable to such great disorders, that they were not only condemned at Corinth by St Paul, but prohibited to be kept in the house of God by the 20th canon of the council of Laodicea, and the 30th of the third council of Carthage; so from a sense of the same inconveniences, this custom did not long continue of feasting in the churches or churchyards; but strangers and inhabitants paid the devotion of prayers and offerings in the church, and then adjourned their eating and drinking to the more proper place of publick and private houses.

The institution of these church encænias or wakes, was without question on good and laudable designs: at first, thankfully to commemorate the bounty and munificence of those who had founded and endowed the church; next, to incite others to the like generous acts of piety; and chiefly, to maintain a christian spirit of unity and charity, by such sociable and friendly meetings. And therefore care was taken to keep up the laudable custom. The laws of Edward the confessor give peace and protection in all parishes during the solemnity of the day of dedication, and the same privilege to all that were going to or returning from such solemnity. In a council held at Oxford in the year 1222, it was ordained, that among other festivals should be observed the day of dedication of every church within the proper parish. And in a synod under archbishop Islip (who was promoted to the see of Canterbury in the year 1349) the dedication feast is mentioned with a particular respect.

This solemnity was at first celebrated on the very day of dedication, as it annually returned. But the bishops did sometimes give authority for transposing the observation to some other day, and especially to sunday, whereon the people could best attend the devotions and rites intended in this ceremony. Thus the parishioners of Bishops Wilton in Yorkshire, complaining to archbishop Kemp, that their wake day on Sep. 15. was inconvenient

convenient to be kept on a week day, because it fell in the middle of their harvest; he therefore transferred it to the Sunday following, by an instrument dated at Bishops Thorp, Sep. 22. 1441. So also at Tadcaster in Yorkshire, the church's festival being on the 28th of August; it was in the year 1314 assigned to be kept on the Sunday next ensuing the feast of the decollation of St John Baptist. Nay, at last, this convenience of Sunday above the week days, was the reason of attempting an universal change. For among the injunctions of king Hen. 8. in the year 1536, it was ordered, that the dedication of churches should in all places be celebrated on the first Sunday of the month of October for ever. Yet this order was not enforced, or not obeyed; but however most of those jubilees are now celebrated near the time of Michaelmas, when a vacation from the labours of harvest and the plough, doth afford the best opportunity for visits and sports.

This transposing of the day hath left it more difficult to know the saint to whose protection the church was committed. There be only these grounds of safe conjecture. Such wakes as are observed on the first or second Sunday after Michaelmas day, in these we may doubt a translation of time by virtue of the said injunction of king Hen. 8. or by a prevailing custom of postponing such solemnity to the end of harvest: and in such cases the saint may be lost, unless some other way preserved. But as to those wakes which are precedent to Michaelmas, or distant from that time; these we may believe have continued in their primitive relation to their proper saint, and no farther removed than to the immediate Sunday following. For wherever these Sunday wakes are guided by a foregoing festival, we may be justly satisfied, the church was dedicated to the saint of that day.

It is a rational and just opinion of Sir Henry Spelman, that fairs were first occasioned by the resort of people to that place, for solemnizing some festival, and especially the feast of the church's dedication. And hence he thinks it easy to conjecture to what saint the church had been commended, by the fair day. Indeed pope Gregory the great, in one of his homilies, alludes to this as a popular and familiar custom; and therein plainly intimates, that a fair arises from a conflux of people on the wake or dedication day. In most of the towns and parishes in England (except where the privileges of new fairs hath been in later times obtained) the old stationary fairs, whether

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by custom or by ancient charter, depend upon the saint of the church. Thus the primitive fair in Oxford was on the day of St Frideswide, because it was the dedication day of the chief conventual church. Thus the translation of Becket's body was on the 7th of July, and his passion on the 29th of September; which days being soon celebrated at Canterbury for festivals and days of dedication of altars and chapels to that martyr, it occasioned two fairs in that city annually on those days. On the said 7th of July, there is a fair at Bromhill near Brandon-ferry in Norfolk, and another at West-acre about four miles distant from Swasham, both called Becket's fair; and in both places there are old ruinous chapels, which were dedicated to that supposed saint.

The charters for fairs, granted by the kings of England, were often a confirmation rather than a new grant; and were chiefly obtained to confer a property, on some particular person, of the profits of the fair; which were before in common, and therefore subject to great disputes. So king Richard gave a charter for a fair to be holden eight days in Peterborough, beginning on the feast of St. Peter; on which day a fair had been kept by immemorial custom, because the church had been dedicated to that saint.

To confirm the original of fairs from the dedication of churches, it is observable, that on this account fairs were generally kept in churchyards, and even in the churches; till the indecency and scandal were so great, as to want a reformation. In the year 1230, in the 14th of Hen. 3. among the inquiries to be made at a visitation by all archdeacons within the diocese of Lincoln, the 25th and 26th were to discover and regulate this abuse. Soon after this, king Hen. 3. by express mandate forbade the keeping of Northampton fair in the church or churchyard of All-saints in that town. Whereupon Robert Grosthead, the good bishop of Lincoln, sent positive instructions thro' his whole diocese, prohibiting all fairs to be kept in such sacred places, pursuant to the king's example, who had made the like reformation at Northampton. This duty he recommended in letters to his several archdeacons, and then sent a copy of the instructions to all rectors and vicars of churches within his diocese. It was likewise to this relation of fairs to the wakes or days of dedication, that a custom of old time crept in, of keeping some fairs upon the very sundays, because the dedication feasts fell on those days; till this abuse, like the

the other, was thought fit to be restrained: as for instance, the fairs and markets kept on sundays at Walingford, Bercamstead, and Brackley were altered to week days, by special writs from the king, in the 2d year of king Henry the third. Thus were the anniversaries of a church's dedication celebrated in populous towns with an accustomed fair; and in the most private parishes, with feasting and a great concourse of people. And as there have been many gifts and legacies to universities and colleges, for the commemorating of founders and benefactors days; so were some donations made to churches purely for this pious use, of more solemnly celebrating the wake or dedication feast. Thus Walter de St Edmund, abbat of Burg, did about the year 1240 give the sum of 40 sh a year, for making more plentiful provision in that convent, on the day of the church's consecration.

This laudable custom of wakes prevailed for many ages, till the puritans began to exclaim against it as a remnant of popery. And by degrees the humour grew so popular, that at the summer assizes held at Exeter in the year 1627, the lord chief baron Walter and baron Denham made an order for suppression of all wakes. And a like order was made by judge Richardson for the county of Somerset, in the year 1631. But on bishop Laud's complaint of this innovating humour, the king commanded the last order to be reversed; which judge Richardson refusing to do, an account was required from the bishop of Bath and Wells, how the said feast days, church ales, wakes, and revels were for the most part celebrated and observed in his diocese. On the receipt of these instructions, the bishop sent for and advised with seventy two of the most orthodox and able of his clergy; who certified under their hands, that on these feast days (which generally fell on sundays) the service of God was more solemnly performed, and the church much better frequented both in the forenoon and afternoon, than on any other Sunday in the year; that the people very much desired the continuance of them; that the ministers did in most places do the like, for these reasons, viz. for preserving the memorial of the dedication of their several churches, for civilizing the people, for composing differences by the mediation and meeting of friends, for increase of love and unity by these feasts of charity, and for relief and comfort of the poor. On the return of this certificate, judge Richardson was again cited to the council table, and peremptorily commanded to reverse his former order.

After

After which it was thought fit to reinforce the declaration of king James, when perhaps this was the only good reason assigned for that unnecessary and unhappy licence of sports: "We do ratify and publish this our blessed father's decree, the rather because of late in some counties of our kingdom we find, that under pretence of taking away abuses, there hath been a general forbidding not only of ordinary meetings, but of the feasts of the dedication of churches, commonly called wakes." However, by such a popular prejudice against wakes, and by the intermission of them in the confusions that followed, they are now discontinued in many counties, especially in the east and some western parts of England, but are commonly observed in the north, and in the midland counties. *Ken. Par. Ant.* 609. . . . 614.

III. Chancel.

Chancel, *cancellus*, seemeth properly to be so called a *cancellis*, from the lattice-work partition betwixt the quire and the body of the church, so framed as to separate the one from the other, but not to intercept the light.

By the rubrick before the common prayer, it is ordained, that the *chancels shall remain as they have done in times past*.

That is to say, distinguished from the body of the church in manner aforesaid; against which distinction Bucer (at the time of the reformation) inveighed vehemently, as tending only to magnify the priesthood; but tho' the king and parliament yielded so far, as to allow the daily service to be read in the body of the church, if the ordinary thought fit; yet they would not suffer the chancel it self to be taken away or altered. *Gibf.* 199.

IV. Ile.

Derivation of the word,

I. Ile is said to proceed from the French word *aile* (*ala*), a wing; for that the Norman churches were built in the form of a cross, with a *nave* and two *wings*.

The word *nave*, or *naf*, is a Saxon word, and signifieth properly the middle of a wheel, being that part in which the spokes are fixed; and is from thence transferred to signify the body or middle part of the church: In like manner, the German *nab*, by an easy transmutation of the letters *b*, *f*, and *v*, frequent in all kindred languages, signifieth the vertical part of a hill. With which, the word *nave* seemeth also to have some cognation.

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2. An ile in a church, which hath time out of mind belonged to a particular house, and been maintained and repaired by the owner of that house, is part of his frank tenement; and the ordinary cannot dispose of it, or Intermeddle in it. And the reason is, because the law in that case presumes, that the ile was erected by his ancestors, or those whose estate he hath, and is thereupon particularly appropriated to their house. But otherwise it is, if he hath only used to sit and bury in the ile, and not repaired it; for the constant sitting and burying, without reparation, doth not gain any peculiar property therein; but the ile being repaired at the common charge of the parish, the common right of the ordinary takes place, and he may from time to time appoint whom he pleaseth to sit there. *Gibf. 197.*

Ile a private property.

And in the case of *Corven and Pym, M. 10 J.* it was resolved, that albeit the freehold of the church be in the parson, yet if a lord of a manor, or any other hath an house within the town or parish, and he and all those whose estate he hath in the mansion house of the manor or other house, hath had a seat in an ile of the church for him and his family only, and have repaired it at his proper charges; it shall be intended, that some of his ancestors, or of the parties whose estate he hath, did build and erect that ile for him and his family only: and therefore if the ordinary endeavour to remove him, or place any other there, he may have a prohibition. *3 Inst. 202.*

And in the case of *Frances and Ley, H. 12 J.* In the star chamber: It was resolved by the court, that if an inhabitant and his ancestors only, have used time out of mind to repair an ile in a church, and to sit there with his family to hear divine service, and to bury there; this makes the ile proper and peculiar to his house, and he cannot be displaced nor interrupted by the parson, churchwarden, or ordinary himself: but the constant sitting and burying there, without using to repair it, doth not gain any peculiar property, or preeminence therein. And if the ile hath been used to be repaired at the charge of all the parish in common, the ordinary may then from time to time appoint whom he pleaseth to sit there, notwithstanding any usage to the contrary. *Cro. Jq. 366.*

3. And the reason of any person's propriety in an ile, is from the prescription to repair and use it alone; because it is from thence presumed, that the ile was erected by him whose estate he hath, with the assent of the parson patron and ordinary, to the intent to have it only to himself. *12 Co. 105.*

By prescription.

And

And therefore where any person hath good title to such ile; if the ordinary doth place another person therein with the proprietor, the proprietor may have his action upon the case against the ordinary; and if he be impleaded in the spiritual court for the same, a prohibition will lie: or if any private person doth sit therein, or keep out him that hath the right, or doth bury his dead there without his consent; an action upon the case doth well lie for the proprietor. *Wals. 4. 39.*

To go with the house.

4. But no such title can be good, either upon prescription, or upon any new grafit by a faculty from the ordinary, to a man and his heirs; but the ile must always be supposed to be held in respect of the house, and will always go with the house, to him that inhabits it. *12 Co. 106. 2 Keb. 92. 2 Bulst. 150. 1 Sid. 88.*

V. Churchyard.

Original of churchyards.

1. *Cæmeterium* is derived from *κοιμωον*, *dormio*; and therefore the church yard is as it were a dormitory, because the dead bodies are said there to sleep until the resurrection. *2 Inst. 489.*

As to the original of burying places, many writers have observed, that at the first erection of churches, no part of the adjacent ground was allotted for interment of the dead; but some place for this purpose was appointed at a further distance. Especially in cities and populous towns; where agreeably to the old roman law of the twelve tables; the place of inhumation was without the walls, first indefinitely by the way side, then in some peculiar inclosure assigned to that use. Therefore the roman pontifical, amongst other inventions, is in this respect convicted of error, that it makes pope Marcellus under the tyrant Maxentius appoint twenty five churches in Rome to bury martyrs in, when at that time laws and customs did forbid all burial within the city. Hence the Augustine monastery was built without the walls of Canterbury, (as Ethelbert and Augustine in both their charters intimate) that it might be a dormitory to them and their successors the kings and archbishops for ever. This practice of remoter burials continued to the age of Gregory the great, when the monks and priests beginning to offer for souls departed, procured leave for their greater ease and profit, that a liberty of sepulture might be in churches or in places adjoining to them. This mercenary reason seems to be acknowledged by pope Gregory himself,

himself, whilst he allows that when the parties deceasing are not burdened with heavy sins, it may then be a benefit to them to be buried in churches; because their friends and relations, as often as they come to these sacred places, seeing their graves, may remember them and pray to God for them. After this, Cuthbert archbishop of Canterbury brought over from Rome this practice into England, about the year 750; from which time they date the original of churchyards in this island. This was a sufficient argument of the learned Sir Henry Spelman to prove an inscription at Glastenbury to be a later forgery; because it pretends, *dominus ecclesiam ipsam cum cœmiterio dedicarat*, whereas there was no cœmitery in England till above 700 years after the date of that fiction. The practice of burying within the churches, did indeed (tho' more rarely) obtain before the use of churchyards; but was by authority restrained, when churchyards were frequent, and appropriated to that use. For among those canons which seem to have been made before Edward the confessor, the ninth bears this title *De non sepeliendo in ecclesiis*, and begins with a confession that such a custom had prevailed, but must be now reformed, and no such liberty allowed for the future, unless the person be a priest or some holy man, who by the merits of his past life might deserve such a peculiar favour. However, at first it was the nave or body of the church, that was permitted to be a repository of the dead, and chiefly under arches by the side of the walls. Lanfrank archbishop of Canterbury seems to have been the first, who brought up the practice of vaults in chancels, and under the very altars, when he had rebuilt the church of Canterbury, about the year 1075. *Kent. Par. Ant.* 592, 593.

By the 15 R. 2. c. 5. *Whereas it is contained in the statute de religiosis* (7 Ed. 1. st. 2.), *that no religious, nor other whatsoever he be, do buy or sell, or under colour of gift or term, or any other manner of title whatsoever, receive of any man, or in any manner by gift or engine cause to be appropriated unto him any lands or tenements, upon pain of forfeiture of the same, whereby the said lands and tenements in any manner might come to mortmain; and if any, religious or any other, do against the said statute by art or engine in any manner, that it be lawful to the king and to other lords, upon the said lands and tenements to enter, as in the said statute doth more fully appear: and now of late by subtil imagination, and by art and engine, some religious persons, parsons, vicars, and other spiritual persons have entred in divers lands and tenements;*

ments, which be adjoining to their churches, and of the same, by sufferance and assent of the tenants, have made churchyards, and by bulls of the bishop of Rome have dedicated and hallowed the same, and in them do make continually parochial burying without licence of the king and of the chief lords; therefore it is declared in this parliament, that it is manifestly within the compass of the said statute.

Fence.

2. By a constitution of archbishop Winchelsea; the parishioners shall repair the fence of the churchyard at their own charge. *Lind. 253.*

And lord Coke says, that the parishioners ought to repair the inclosure of the churchyard, because the bodies of the more common sort are buried there, and for the preservation of the burials of those that were or should have been, while they lived, the temples of the Holy Ghost. *2 Inst. 489.*

And if the churchyard be not decently inclosed, the church (which is God's house) cannot decently be kept; and therefore this the parishioners ought to do, by custom known and approved: and the consuance thereof belongeth to the ecclesiastical court. *2 Inst. 489.*

But nevertheless, if the owners of lands adjoining to the churchyard, have used time out of mind to repair so much of the fence thereof, as adjoineth to their ground; such custom is a good custom; and the churchwardens have an action against them at the common law for the same. *2 Roll's Abr. 287. Gibf. 194.*

By *Can. 85.* The churchwardens or questmen shall take care, that the churchyards be well and sufficiently repaired, fenced, and maintained with walls, rails, or pales, as have been in each place accustomed, at their charges unto whom by law the same appertaineth.

By the statute of *circumspecte agatis*, 13 Ed. 1. st. 4. intituled, certain cases wherein the king's prohibition doth not lie: *If prelates do punish for leaving the churchyard unclosed, the spiritual judge shall have power to take knowledge, notwithstanding the king's prohibition.*

Nevertheless, if the churchwardens sue a person in the court christian, supposing by their libel, that he and all they whose estate he hath in certain land next adjoining to the churchyard, have used time out of mind to repair all the fences of the churchyard which are next adjoining to the said land; a prohibition will lie: for this ought to be tried at the common law; inasmuch as this is to charge a temporal inheritance. *2 Roll's Abr. 287.*

3. Stratford. Seeing it is prohibited by the laws both ecclesiastical and secular, for laymen to have power to dispose of things ecclesiastical; in order therefore that the scandal of such usurpation may be utterly abolished, whereby certain parishioners of the parishes within our province, not knowing the limits of their own power, or rather not regarding the same, have cut down, or rooted up the trees, or mowed the grass growing in the churchyards of the churches or chapels of our said province, against the will of the rectors or vicars of such churches or chapels, or others deputed by them for the custody and cure thereof, and have sacrilegiously applied the same to their own use, or to the use of the churches, or of other persons, at their will and pleasure; from whence peril of souls, contentions, and grievous scandals do arise betwixt the ministers of such churches and their parishioners: we do declare by the authority of the present council, that persons guilty of such contempt shall incur the sentence of the greater excommunication, until they shall make sufficient amends and satisfaction. *Lind. 267.*

Against the will of the rectors or vicars.] This is, in churches where there is a rector only, or a vicar only. But if in the same church there be both rector and vicar it may be doubted (says Lindwood) to whether of them the trees or grass shall belong. But I suppose (says he) they shall belong to the rector; unless in the endowment of the vicarage they shall be otherwise assigned. Lindw. 267.

In *Bellamy's case*, *M. 13 J.* This point, unto which of the two the trees do belong, was considered, but not determined; where the vicar sued the parson impropriate in the spiritual court, for cutting them down; and the suit being for damages, and an action of trespass lying at common law, a prohibition was granted, and afterwards upon the same grounds a consultation denied: but what became of the main point, that is, to whom the trees of right belonged, appears not: only *Rolle* seems to make the right turn upon this, that they did belong to him who is bound to repair; which determination agrees well with what is said in the statute here following, namely, that the parson shall not cut them down, but when the chancel wants reparation. *2 Roll's Abr. 337. Gibf. 207, 208.*

Or to the use of the churches.] That is, to the use of the fabrick of the church; which it is not lawful to do, without the consent of the rector or vicar to whom they belong. And it is very reasonable, that neither
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rector nor vicar do fell such trees but for evident necessity of the reparation of the manse of the rectory, or of the chancel. But if the nave of the church want repairing, the rector, or vicar will do well (says Lindwood) not to be difficult in granting leave to cut down one or two for that use. *Lindw. 267.*

By the 35 Ed. 1. st. 2. intituled, *Statutum ne rector prosterneat arbores in cœmiterio*: *Because we do understand, that controversies do oftentimes grow between parsons of churches and their parishioners, touching trees growing in the churchyard, both of them pretending that they do belong unto themselves; we have thought it good, rather to decide this controversy by writing than by statute. Forasmuch as a churchyard that is dedicated is the soil of a church, and whatsoever is planted belongeth to the soil; it must needs follow, that those trees which be growing in the churchyard are to be reckoned amongst the goods of the church, the which laymen have no authority to dispose; but, as the holy scripture doth testify, the charge of them is committed only to priests to be disposed of: And yet seeing those trees be often planted to defend the force of the wind from hurting the church; we do prohibit the parsons of the church, that they do not presume to fell them down unadvisedly, but when the chancel of the church doth want necessary reparations: neither shall they be converted to any other use, except the body of the church doth need like repair; in which the parsons of their charity shall do well to relieve the parishioners, with bestowing upon them the same trees; which we will not command to be done, but we will commend it when it is done.*

Rather to decide this controversy by writing than by statute] And therefore lord Coke calls this law a treatise only; and adds, that it is but a declaration of the common law. *Gibf. 208.*

But when the chancel of the church doth want necessary reparations] If it appear that the person whose right they are, intends to cut them down for other purposes; a prohibition will be granted, to hinder waste: and so likewise to hinder the cutting down of such trees in the churchyard, as are for the defence of the church. And if the trees be actually cut down by any person, for other use than is here specified; it is thought that he may be indicted and fined upon this statute. *11 Co. 49. Gibf. 208.*

In the case of *Strachy and Francis*, Nov. 12, 1741, a motion was made on behalf of the plaintiff, who was pa-

tron of the living, against the rector, for an injunction to stay waste, in cutting down timber in the churchyard. By the lord chancellor Hardwicke: a rector may cut down timber for the repairs of the parsonage house or the chancel, but not for any common purpose; and this he may be justified in doing under the statute of 35 *Ed. 1.* If it is the custom of the country, he may cut down under-wood for any purpose; but if he grubs it up, it is waste. He may cut down timber likewise for repairing any old pews that belong to the rectory; and he is also intitled to botes for repairing barns and outhouses belonging to the parsonage.—An injunction was granted till the hearing of the cause, to stay the rector from cutting down timber, except in the particular instances before mentioned. 2 *Atkyns*, 217.

4. Altho' the church and churchyard be the parson's, Way, and be consecrated; yet a man may prescribe to have a way through the church or churchyard. 2 *Roll's Abr.* 265.

5. No one can make a private door into the church- Door, yard, without the consent of the minister whose freehold the churchyard is, and a faculty also from the bishop for the same. *Par. L.* 88, 89.

6. *H. 13 G. 2.* The rector and parishioners of *St Building upon it, George's Hanover Square* against *Steuart*. The parish was cited to appear in the bishop of London's court, to shew cause why a licence should not be granted to Mr. Steuart, to erect a charity school on part of the churchyard. And upon motion of the rector and parishioners, a prohibition was granted; for the ecclesiastical court hath nothing to do with this, and cannot compel them without their consent. *Str.* 1126.

7. *E. 8 G. 2.* *Pew* against the churchwardens of *St Boundary, Mary Rotherhithe*. Pew was libelled against in the spiritual court, for nuisance and encroachment on the churchyard; to which he pleaded, that he was the owner of four tenements, which formerly stood on the ground in question, and that his present building was upon the old foundation, and did not project further. And this not being a matter properly triable there, a prohibition was granted. For tho' interrupting the use of a churchyard, as a churchyard, is properly cognizable in the ecclesiastical court; yet the bounds of it, which is matter of freehold, ought not to be determined there. *Str.* 1013.

E. 9 W. Hilliard and Jeffreson. A parson libelled against the defendant in the spiritual court of York, for

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having cut elms in the churchyard; and a prohibition was granted, upon suggestion, that they grew on his freehold. *L. Raym.* 212.

VI. Repairs.

Anciently by the bishops.

1. Anciently, the bishops had the whole tithes of the diocese; a fourth part of which, in every parish, was to be applied to the repairs of the church: but upon a release of this interest to the rectors, they were consequently acquitted of the repairs of the churches. *Degge, Part 1. c. 12.*

Next by the rectors.

2. And by the canon law, the repair of the church belongeth to him who receiveth this fourth part; that is, to the rector, and not to the parishioners.

Finally by the inhabitants.

3. But custom (that is, the common law) transferreth the burden of reparation, at least of the nave of the church, upon the parishioners; and likewise sometimes of the chancel, as particularly in the city of London in many churches there. And this custom the parishioners may be compelled to observe, where such custom is. *Lindw.* 53.

Repair of the chancel in particular, by the rector.

4. But, generally, the parson is bound to repair the chancel. Not because the freehold is in him, for so is the freehold of the church; but by the custom of England, which hath allotted the repairs of the chancel to the parson, and the repairs of the church to the parishioners: yet so, that if the custom hath been for the parish, or the estate of a particular person to repair the chancel, that custom shall be good; which is plainly intimated by Lindwood as the law of the church, and is also confirmed by the common law, in the books of reports. But as to the obligation resting upon the parson, or upon the vicar; concerning that, the books of common law say nothing; and so, it is wholly left upon that foot, on which the law of the church hath placed it. *Gibf.* 199.

Sometimes by the vicar.

5. As to the vicars, it is ordained by a constitution of archbishop Winchelsea, that the chancel shall be repaired by the rectors and vicars, or others to whom such repair belongeth. *Lindw.* 253.

Whereupon Lindwood observeth, that where there is both rector and vicar in the same church, they shall contribute in proportion to their benefice. *Lindw.* 253.

Which is to be understood, where there is not a certain direction, order, or custom, unto which of them such reparation shall appertain. *Lindw.* 235.

6. And

6. And as rectors of spiritual persons, so also impropriators, are bound of common right to repair the chancels. This doctrine (under the limitations expressed in the foregoing article) is clear and uncontested: the only difficulty hath been, in what manner they shall be compelled to do it; whether by spiritual censures only, in like manner as the parishioners are compelled to contribute to the repairs of the church, since impropriations are now become lay fees; or whether by sequestrations (as incumbents, and, as it should seem, spiritual impropriators of all kinds, may be compelled). *Gibf. 199.*

By lay impropriators.

As to this, it is said to have been the opinion of the court of common pleas, that the spiritual court may grant sequestration upon an impropriate parsonage for not repairing the chancel, *M. 29 C. 2. 3 Keb. 829.* yet by another book it is said, that the court of common pleas did incline, that there could be no sequestration; for being made lay fee, the impropriation was out of the jurisdiction of the court christian, and they were only to proceed against the person as against another laymen for not repairing the church, *T. 22 C. 2. 2 Ventr. 35.* And by the same case as reported *2 Mod. 257.* it is said that the whole court except Atkins were of that opinion. *Watf. c. 39.*

On the contrary, Dr Gibson observeth, that impropriations, before they became lay fees, were undoubtedly liable to sequestration; that the king was to enjoy them in the same manner as the religious had done, and nothing was conveyed to the king at the dissolution of monasteries but what the religious had enjoyed, that is, the profits over and above the finding of divine service, and the repairing of the chancel, and other ecclesiastical burdens: and the general saving (he says) in the *31 H. 8. c. 13.* may be well extended to a saving of the right of the ordinary in this particular, which right he undoubtedly had by the law and practice of the church, which said right is not abrogated by any statute whatsoever. *Gibf. 199.*

And he observeth further these things: 1. That altho' (as was expressly alledged in the two cases above referred to) this power hath been frequently exercised by the spiritual courts; yet no instances do appear, before these, of any opposition made. 2. That in both the said instances, judgment was given, not upon the matter or point in hand, but upon errors found in the pleadings. 3. That one argument against the allowing the ordinary such jurisdiction, was ab inconvenienti, that such allowance would.

would be a step towards giving ordinaries a power to augment vicarages; as they might have done, and frequently did, before the dissolution. *Gibf.* 199.

Where there are more impropriators than one (as is very frequently the case) and the prosecution is to be carried on by the churchwardens to compel them to repair, it seemeth advisable for the churchwardens first to call a vestry, and there (after having made a rate for the repair of the church and other expences necessary in the execution of their office) that the vestry do make an order for the churchwardens to prosecute the impropriators at the parish expence. In which prosecution, the court will not settle the proportion amongst the impropriators, but admonish all who are made parties to the suit, to repair the chancel, under pain of excommunication. Nor will it be necessary to make every impropriator a party, but only to prove that the parties prosecuted have received tithes or other profits belonging to the rectory sufficient to repair it; and they must settle the proportion amongst themselves. For it is not a suit against them for a sum of money, but for a neglect of the duty which is incumbent on all of them. Tho' it may be advisable, to make as many of them parties as can be come at with certainty.

Repairing the chancel, a discharge from the repairs of the church.

7. Repairing of the chancel, is a discharge from contributing to the repairs of the church. This is supposed to be the known law of the church, in the gloss of John de Athon upon a constitution of *Othobon* (hereafter mentioned) for the reparation of chancels; and is also evident from the ground of the respective obligations upon parson and parishioners to repair, the first the chancel, the second the church; which was evidently a division of the burden, and by consequence a mutual disengaging of each, from that part which the other took. And therefore as it was declared in serjeant *Davie's* case (2 *Roll's Rep.* 211.) that there could be no doubt but the impropriator was rateable to the church, for lands which were not parcel of the parsonage, notwithstanding his obligation, as parson, to repair the chancel; so, when this plea of the farmer of an impropriation (2 *Keb.* 730. 742.) to be exempt from the parish rate because he repaired the chancel, was refused in the spiritual court, it must probably have been a plea offered to exempt other possessions also from church rates. *Gibf.* 199, 200.

Repairing a chapel of ease, no discharge from the repair of the church.

8. If there be a chapel of ease within a parish, and some part of the parish have used time out of mind, alone, without others of the parishioners, to repair the chapel of ease,

ease, and there to hear service, and to marry, and all other things, but only they bury at the mother church; yet they shall not be discharged of the reparation of the mother church, but ought to contribute thereto: for the chapel was ordained only for their ease. *2 Roll's Abr.* 289.

So in the said case, if the inhabitants who have used to repair the chapel, prescribe that they have time out of mind used to repair the chapel, and by reason thereof have been discharged of the reparation of the mother church; yet this shall not discharge them of the reparation of the mother church, for that is not any direct prescription to be discharged thereof; but it is, by reason thereof, a prescription for the reparation of the chapel. *2 Roll's Abr.* 290.

If the chapel be three miles distant from the mother church, and the inhabitants who have used to come to the chapel have used always to repair the chapel, and there marry and bury, and have never within sixty years been charged to the repair of the mother church; yet this is not any cause to have a prohibition: but they ought to shew in the spiritual court their exemption, if they have any, upon the endowment. *2 Roll's Abr.* 290.

But if the inhabitants of a chapelry prescribe to be discharged *time out of mind* of the reparation of the mother church, and they are sued for the reparation of the mother church; a prohibition lieth upon this surmise. *2 Roll's Abr.* 290.

If there be a parish church and chapel of ease within the same parish, and the chapel of ease hath time out of mind had all spiritual rights except sepulture, and this hath been used to be done at the parish church, and therefore they who have used to go to the chapel of ease have used time out of mind to repair a part of the wall of the churchyard of the parish church, and in consideration thereof, and because that they who are of the chapel of ease have used time out of mind to repair the chapel of ease at their own costs, they have been time out of mind discharged of the reparation of the parish church; this is a good prescription: and therefore if they be sued in the spiritual court to repair the parish church, a prohibition lieth. *2 Roll's Abr.* 290.

If the chapel of ease hath used time out of mind to have all divine services except burial, and the inhabitants within the chapelry have likewise always repaired the chapel, and prescribe in consideration of 3 s. 4 d. a year to be paid

for the reparation of the mother church to be discharged of the reparation of the mother church; if the inhabitants of the chapelry are sued for the reparation of the mother church, a prohibition lieth upon this modus. 2 *Roll's Abr.* 290.

T. 1 *W. Ball and Cross.* The inhabitants of a chapelry within a parish, were prosecuted in the ecclesiastical court, for not paying towards the repairs of the parish church; and the case was, those of the chapelry never had contributed, but always buried in the mother church, till about Henry the eighth's time the bishop was prevailed on to consecrate them a burial place, in consideration of which they agreed to pay towards the repair of the mother church. All which appeared upon the libel. And it was held by Holt chief justice, that those of a chapelry may prescribe to be exempt from repairing the mother church, as where it buries and christens within it self, and hath never contributed to the mother church; for in that case it shall be intended co-eval, and not a latter erection in case of those of the chapelry; but here it appears, that the chapel could be only an erection in ease and favour of them of the chapelry; for they of the chapelry buried at the mother church till Henry the eighth's time, and then undertook to contribute to the repairs of the mother church. 1 *Salk.* 164, 165.

Churches united,
how to be re-
paired.

9. If two churches be united, the repairs of the several churches shall be made as they were before the union. *Degge, P. 1. c. 12.*

Ecclesiastical
judge shall cause
the repairs to be
done.

10. Othobon. *The archdeacon shall cause chancels to be repaired, by those who are bound thereunto.* Ath. 112.

Reynolds. *We injoin the archdeacons and their officials, that in the visitation of churches, they have a diligent regard to the fabrick of the church, and especially of the chancel, to see if they want repair: and if they find any defects of that kind, they shall limit a certain time under a penalty, within which they shall be repaired. Also they shall inquire by themselves or their officials in the parishes where they visit, if there be ought in things or persons which wanteth to be corrected; and if they shall find any such, they shall correct the same either then or in the next chapter.* Lindw. 53.

Fabrick] The fabrick of the church consisteth of the walls, windows, and covering. Lindw. 53.

Under a penalty] Where the penalty is not limited, the same is arbitrary (saith Lindwood): But this cannot in-
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tend here (he says) the penalty of *excommunication*; inasmuch as it concerneth the parishioners *ut universos*, as a body or whole society, who are bound to the fabrick of the body of the church: For the pain of excommunication is not inflicted upon a whole body together, altho' it may be inflicted upon every person severally, who shall be culpable in that behalf. And the same may be observed as to the penalty of *suspension*; which cannot fall upon the parishioners as a community or collective body. Yet the archdeacon in this case, if the defect be enormous, may injoin a penalty, that after the limited time shall be expired, divine service shall not be performed in the church, until competent reparation shall be made: so that the parishioners may be punished by suspension or interdict of the place. But if there are any particular persons who are bound to contribute towards the repair, and altho' they be able, are not willing, or do neglect the same; such persons may be compelled by a monition to such contribution, under pain of excommunication: that so the church may not continue for a long time unrepaired, thro' their default. *Lindw. 53.*

But this was before the time that churchwardens had the special charge of the repairs of the church: And it seemeth now, that the process shall issue against the churchwardens, and that they may be excommunicated for disobedience.

Stratford. Forasmuch as archdeacons and other ordinaries in their visitations, finding defects as well in the churches as in the ornaments thereof, and the fences of the churchyard, and in the houses of the incumbents, do command them to be repaired under pecuniary penalties; and from those that do not obey do extort the same penalties by censures, wherewith the said defects ought to be repaired, and thereby enrich their own purses to the damage of the poor people; therefore that there may be no occasion of complaint against the archdeacons and other ordinaries and their ministers by reason of such penal exactions and that it cometh not ecclesiastical persons to gape after or enrich themselves with dishonest and penal acquisitions; we ordain, that such penalties, so often as they shall be exacted, shall be converted to the use of such repairs, under pain of suspension ab officio which they shall ipso facto incur, until they shall effectually assign what was so received to the reparation of the said defects. *Lind. 224.*

By Canon 86. Every dean, dean and chapter, archdeacon, and others which have authority to hold ecclesiastical visitations

by composition, law, or prescription; shall survey the churches of his or their jurisdiction, once in every three years, in his own person, or cause the same to be done.

And by the said canon they were required, from time to time to certify the high commissioners for causes ecclesiastical, every year, of such defects in any the said churches, as he or they should find to remain unrepaired, and the names and surnames of the parties faulty therein. Upon which certificate, the high commissioners were desired by the said canon *ex officio mero* to send for such parties, and compel them to obey the just and lawful decrees of the ecclesiastical ordinaries making such certificates.— But by the 16 C. c. 11. the high commission court was abolished; so that the cognizance thereof now resteth solely upon the ecclesiastical judge.

No prohibition
in case of repairs.

11. By the statute of Circumspecte agatis, 13 Ed. 1. st. 4. *If prelates do punish for that the church is uncovered, or not conveniently decked; the spiritual judge shall have power to take knowledge, notwithstanding the king's prohibition.*

The church] This is intended not only of the body of the church, which is parochial, but also of any publick chapel annexed to it; but it extendeth not to the private chapel of any, tho' it be fixed to the church, for that must be repaired by him that hath the proper use of it, for he that hath the profit ought to bear the burden. And this the parishioners ought to do, by custom known and approved: and the consueance thereof is allowed to the ecclesiastical court by this act. 2 Inst. 489.

Churchwardens
duty therein.

12. Can. 85. The churchwardens or questmen shall take care and provide, that the churches be well and sufficiently repaired, and so from time to time kept and maintained, that the windows be well glazed, and that the floors be kept paved, plain and even.

If the churchwardens erect or add any thing new in the church, as a new gallery where there was none before; they must have the consent of the major part of the parishioners, and also a licence of the ordinary. 1 Mod. 237.

But as to the common reparations of the fabrick or ornaments of the church, where nothing new is added or done, it doth not appear that any consent of the major part of the parishioners is necessary; for to this the churchwardens are bound by their office, and they are punishable if they do it not.

If the major part of the parishioners of a parish, where there are four bells, agree that there shall be made a fifth bell, and this is made accordingly, and they make
a rate

a rate for paying for the same; this shall bind the lesser part of the parishioners, altho' they agree not to it: for otherwise any obstinate persons may hinder any thing intended to be done for the ornament of the church. *2 Roll's Abr. 291.*

And altho' churchwardens are not charged with the repairs of the chancel, yet they are charged with the supervisal thereof, to see that it be not permitted to dilapidate and fall into decay; and when any such dilapidations shall happen, if no care be taken to repair the same, they are to make presentment thereof at the next visitation.

If a church be so much out of repair, that it is necessary to pull it down; or so little, that it needs to be enlarged: the major part of the parishioners, having first obtained the consent of the ordinary to do what is needful, and meeting upon due notice, may make a rate for new building, or enlarging, as there shall be occasion. This was declared in the 29 *G. 2.* by all the three courts successively; notwithstanding the cause was much laboured by a great number of quakers who opposed the rate. *2 Mod. 222. Gibs. 197.*

And the proper method of proceeding in such case seemeth to be thus: namely, that the churchwardens first of all take care that publick notice be given in the church for a general vestry of the whole parish for that purpose; which notice ought to be attested and carefully preserved, as being the foundation of all the subsequent proceedings. At the time and place of meeting, the minister and churchwardens ought to attend; and when the parishioners are assembled, the minister is proper to preside; and he, or one of the churchwardens, or such person as shall be appointed by them, ought to enter the orders of the vestry, and then have them read and signed. And agreeable thereunto, a petition to the ordinary for a faculty (setting forth the particulars) should be drawn up and signed by the minister churchwardens and parishioners present and approving thereof. Whereupon the ordinary will issue a monition, to cite all persons concerned, to shew cause why a faculty should not be granted. Upon the return of which citation, if no cause or not sufficient cause is shewed, the ordinary will proceed to grant a faculty as is desired, and as to him shall seem good.

VII. Church seat.

1. Before the age of the reformation, no seats were allowed, nor any distinct apartment in a church assigned to

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in seats.

to distinct inhabitants; except for some very great persons. The seats that were, were moveable, and the property of the incumbent, and so in all respects at his disposal. Many wills of incumbents are to be seen, whereby they did of old bequeath the seats in the church to their successors or others as they thought fit. Athon and Lindwood are silent in the case. The common-law books mention but two or three cases before this time, and those relating to the chancels, and seats of persons of great quality. *Johns.* 175, 176. *Ken. Par. Ant.* 596.

Of common right
to be repaired by
the parishioners.

Use of the seats
in the parishion-
ers.

2. And generally, the seats in churches are to be built and repaired as the church is to be, at the general charge of the parishioners, unless any particular person be chargeable to do the same by prescription. *Degge, P. 1. c. 12.*

3. And altho' the freehold of the body of the church be in the incumbent thereof, and the seats therein be fixed to the freehold; yet because that the church is dedicated to the service of God, and is for the use of the inhabitants, and the seats are erected for their more convenient attending upon divine service, the use of them is common to all the people that pay to the repair thereof. And for this reason, if any seat, tho' affixed to the church, be taken away by a stranger; the churchwardens, and not the parson, may have their action against the wrong doer. *Watf. c. 39.*

Bishop to dispose
the same.

4. But the authority of appointing what persons shall sit in each seat, is in the ordinary; who is to take care to order all things appertaining to divine service, so that the service of God may be best celebrated, that there be no contention in the church, and that all things be done decently and in order: for he, having the cure of souls, is presumed by the law to be a person that will have a prudent regard to the qualities of men in this case, and to give precedence to such as ought to have it. *Watf. c. 39.*

In the aforesaid case of *Corven* and *Pym*, it was resolved, that if any man hath an house in a town or parish, and he and those whose estate he hath in the house, have had time out of mind a certain pew or seat in the church, maintained by him and them; the ordinary cannot remove him (for prescription maketh certainty, the mother of quietness), and if he do, a prohibition lieth against him. But where there is no prescription; there the ordinary, that hath the cure and charge of souls, may for the avoiding of contention in the church or chapel, and the more quiet and better service of God, and placing of men according to their qualities and degrees, take order for the placing

placing of the parishioners in the church or chapel publick, which is dedicate and consecrate to the service of God. 3 *Inst.* 202.

For the disposal of the seats in the nave of the church, appertaineth of common right to the bishop of the diocese; so that he may place and displace whomsoever he pleaseth. 2 *Roll's Abr.* 288.

5. But by custom, the churchwardens may have the ordering of the seats, as in London; which, by the like custom may be in other places. *Watf. c. 39.* Churchwardens power to dispose of the same.

For a custom time out of mind, of disposing of seats by the churchwardens and major part of the parish, or by twelve or any particular number of the parishioners, is a good custom; and if the ordinary interpose, a prohibition will be granted. *Gibf.* 198.

But the churchwardens must shew some particular reason, why they are to order the seats exclusive of the ordinary: for a general allegation, that the parishioners have used to repair and build all the seats in the church, and by reason thereof the churchwardens have used to order and dispose of the seats, is not sufficient to take away the ordinary's power in disposing and ordering the seats; because this is no more than the parishioners are bound to do of common right, to wit, building and repairing the seats, for which they have the easement and convenience of sitting in them. *Watf. c. 39.*

But if thro' the increase of inhabitants, more pews or galleries be necessary; it is said to be agreed, that the churchwardens cannot erect them of their own head. Some say say, it cannot be done without the licence of the ordinary. And it is clear; if there be a dispute, whether more pews are necessary, or where they shall be placed, the ordinary is sole judge in that case. But if the incumbent, churchwardens, and parishioners do unanimously agree, that more pews are necessary, and that they shall be fixed in such a place; it doth not seem that there is any necessity for the ordinary's interposition: for there can be no need of a judge, where there is no controversy. *Johnf.* 163. *Ayl Parerg.* 484.

6. If a person prescribe, that he and his ancestors, and all they whose estate he hath in a certain messuage, have used to sit in a certain seat in the nave of the church for time out of mind, in consideration that they have used time out of mind to repair the said seat: if the ordinary remove him from this seat, a prohibition lieth; for the ordinary hath not any power to dispose thereof, for this is a good Reparation necessary to make a title.

a good prescription, and by intendment there may be a good consideration for the commencement of this prescription, altho' the place where the seat is be the freehold of the parson. 2 *Roll's Abr.* 288.

But if a person prescribe to have a seat in the nave of the church, generally, without the said consideration of repairing the seat, the ordinary may displace him. 2 *Roll's Abr.* 288.

Seat not to go to a man and his heirs.

7. A seat may not be granted by the ordinary, to a person and his heirs absolutely. For the seat doth not belong to the person, but to the inhabitant; otherwise, if he and his heirs go away, and dwell in another parish, they shall yet retain the seat, which is unreasonable. *Gibf.* 197.

Seat may be prescribed for, as belonging to a house.

8. A seat in the nave or body of a church, may be prescribed for as belonging to a house. This doctrine was heretofore doubted, and sometimes denied and overruled, with regard to the general right of the ordinary, and the jurisdiction of the spiritual authority; but it seems now to be the doctrine received. Only, the reparation of it by the person pleading such prescription, and praying a prohibition thereupon, must of necessity be alledged here; because the ordinary in the body of the church *prima facie* hath the right; and nothing but such private reparation can divest him of that right; which right stands good and intire (notwithstanding possession and use time out of mind) if the parish have but repaired. But it hath been held, that in two cases, reparation need not be particularly pleaded; first, in case of prescription for an ile, because (say they) by the common law the particular persons are supposed to repair, and so need not shew it; and the foundation of the right may be for other causes than repairing, as for being founder, or having been contributory to its building: but this is not out of question. The second case (which hath often been declared for law) is, where an action upon the case is brought against one who disturbs another in his seat; which disturber being a stranger, and having not any right *prima facie*, the possession of the other is a sufficient ground of action, and it needs not be alledged that he repairs. *Gibf.* 197, 198.

Thus in the case of *Kenrick and Taylor*, *E.* 25 *G.* 2. On a special action upon the case, against the defendant for disturbing the plaintiff in his pew, which he claims by prescription as appurtenant to his messuage in the parish; the declaration sets forth, that the plaintiff and all those whose estate he hath in the said messuage have

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time out of mind repaired the pew. A verdict was given for the plaintiff, subject to the opinion of the court, upon a case which stated that at the trial there was no evidence given that the plaintiff, or any of the owners of the messuage, had ever repaired or been obliged to repair the pew, or that the pew had ever wanted repairing. The question was, whether the plaintiff can maintain this action without proving repairs done to the pew. It was argued for the plaintiff, that as this was an action by one in possession against a mere stranger and wrong doer, there was no necessity to prove any repairs; and that there was a great difference between an action against a stranger, and a contest with the ordinary in prohibition: for at common law the ordinary has the disposal of all the seats in the church; and altho' they be built and repaired at the charge of the whole parish, yet that will not oust him of his jurisdiction, and therefore a special title must be shewed against him by building or repairing the seat; but possession alone is sufficient against a mere stranger. And of this opinion was the court; who said, that this being a possessory action against a stranger and a mere wrong doer, the plaintiff was not obliged to prove any repairs done by himself or others whose estate he hath; for it is a rule in law, that one in possession need not to shew any title or consideration for such possession against a wrong doer. But it is otherwise where one claims a pew or an ile against the ordinary, who undoubtedly hath prima facie the disposal of all the seats in the church; and against him a title or consideration must be shewn in the declaration and proved. *1 Wilson, 326.*

9. A seat cannot be claimed by prescription, as appendant to *land*, but to an *house*. For such a seat belongeth to the house in respect of the inhabitants thereof: and yet it hath been held, that a seat in an ile may be prescribed for by an inhabitant of another parish. *Gibf. 198.*

And not as belonging to the land.

10. As a seat in the church, so priority in a seat, may be prescribed for. Thus it was declared in the case of *Carleton and Hutton, E. 2 Cha.* Carleton claimed the upper place in a seat. Hutton disturbed him. The archbishop of York sent an inhibition to Carleton, till the matter should be determined before him. But prescription was surmised, and thereupon prohibition obtained: because as well the priority in the seat, as the seat it self, may be claimed by prescription. *Noy 78. Latch 116.*

Priority in a seat may be prescribed for.

11. Dr. *Gibson* asserts, that the seats in the chancel are under the disposition of the ordinary, in like manner as those

Bishop's disposition of seats in the chancel.

those in the body of the church. Which needs only to be mentioned (he saith), because there can be no real ground for exempting it from the power of the ordinary; since the freehold of the church is as much in the parson, as the freehold of the chancel; but this hinders not the authority of the ordinary in the church, and therefore not in the chancel. And in one of our records, he says, in archbishop Grindal's time, we find a special licence issued, for the erecting seats in the chancel of a church, together with the rules and directions to be observed therein. *Gibf.* 200.

And Dr. *Watson* argues to the same purpose: altho' the law (he says) seems now to be settled to the contrary. *Watf.* c. 39.

Impropriator's
seat in the chan-
cel.

12. The parson, or rector impropriate, is intitled to the chief seat in the chancel. This was resolved by the court of king's bench. *T.* 7 *J.* in the case of *Hall* and *Ellis*, that so it is of common right, in regard to his repairing the chancel; but it was declared at the same time, that by prescription another parishioner may have it. *Noy* 153. *Johnf.* 164.

Vicar's seat in
the chancel.

13. In some places, where the parson repairs the chancel, the vicar by prescription claims a right of a seat for his family, and of giving leave to bury there, and a fee upon the burial of any corps. *Johnf.* 242, 243.

As to the right of a seat in the chancel, it was originally inherent in every vicar. For before the reformation, the hours of the breviary were to be sung or said in the chancel (not in the body of the church), by the express words of a constitution of archbishop Winchelsea; and this was to be done, not only on sundays and festivals, but on other days, by another constitution of the said archbishop: And these hours were to be sung or rehearsed, not by the vicar alone, but with the consort and assistance of all the clergymen belonging to the church, which were the ecclesiastical family of the vicar. So that it is evident, that all vicars had a right of sitting there before the reformation, and by consequence must retain this right still, unless it appear that they have quitted it: and if they have not for forty years past used the right, this breeds a prescription against them in the ecclesiastical courts. In many chancels are to be seen the ancient seats or stalls used by the vicar and his brethren in performing these religious offices, like those which remain in the old choirs of cathedral and collegiate churches; and from hence it is, that *cancellus* and *chorus* (the chancel and the choir) are words of the same

same signification. This being the place, where the body of the clergy of every church did sing, or at least rehearsed their breviary: and if any common parishioner may prescribe to a pew in the chancel, much more may the vicar. *Johns. 243.*

As these seats were placed at the lower end of the choir or chancel, for the daily use of the vicar; so at the upper end stood the high altar of every church, where, as the vicar or his representative was obliged to celebrate mass every sunday and holiday of obligation; so he might do it every day, if there was occasion, or if he pleased: so that it is clear, the use of the chancel was intirely in the vicar, whoever repaired it; and therefore no wonder if the pavement were not to be broken up without his leave; and that thereupon he should acquire a right of receiving what fees were due on such occasions. And the reformation left the rights of parson and vicar as it found them. *Johns. 244.*

It is therefore a very groundless notion with impropiators, that they have the same right in the great chancel, that a nobleman hath in a lesser. These lesser chancels are supposed by lawyers, to have been erected for the sole use of those noble persons; whereas it is clear the great chancels were originally for the use of clergy and people; but especially for the celebration of the eucharist, and other publick offices of religion, there to be performed by the curate and his assistants. That the parsons repair these great chancels, doth not at all prove their sole right to them; for they were bound originally to repair the church as well as chancel; and of common right the repairs of the church are still in the parson; it is custom only eases them of this burden. The ordinary hath no power to order morning or evening prayer to be said in noblemen's chancels, but he can order them to be said in the great chancel. *Johns. 244, 245.*

14. If any seats annexed to the church be pulled down, the property of the materials is in the parson, and he may make use of them if they were placed in the church by any one of his own head without legal authority; but for the seats erected by the parishioners by good authority, it seemeth that the property of the materials upon removal is in the parishioners. *Degge, P. 1. c. 12.*

If any persons on their own heads shall presume to build any seat in the church, without licence of the ordinary, or consent of the minister and churchwardens, or in any convenient place, or too high; it may be pulled down by order from the bishop or his archdeacon, or by the

the churchwardens, by the consent of the parson : for the freehold of the church, and all things annexed to it, are in the parson ; and therefore if any presume to cut or pull down any seat annexed to the church, the parson may have an action of trespass against the misdoer (tho' he formerly set it up,) if he do it without the parson's consent, or order from the ordinary ; but if the seat be set loose, he that built it may remove it at his pleasure. *Degge P. 1. c. 12.*

In the case of *Gibson and Wright*, in an action of trespass brought by Gibson, for breaking and cutting in pieces his pew, and taking it away ; the defendants pleaded, that they were churchwardens, and that the plaintiff had built it in the church without licence. And by the court, The trespass is confessed ; for tho' they may remove the seat, they cannot cut the timber and materials into pieces. *Noy 108.*

But it hath been said, that this case is not law : because the freehold of the church being in the incumbent, when the person has fixed a seat to it, it is then become parcel of his freehold, and consequently the right is in him ; so that the breaking the timber could not be prejudicial to the other, because he had no legal right to the materials, after they were fixed to the freehold. *Nelf. 493. Ayl. Par. 486.*

And Dr *Watson* saith, altho' he will not question the law of this case, yet thus much is to be said against it ; that the freehold being in another person, the annexing of the seat thereto seems to make the seat to be a part of the freehold, and so to be in him in whom the freehold is, and the use of it in them that have the use of the church ; and if so, then the breaking the timber could be no wrong to him that had no legal right in it after it was fastened to the freehold, and became (as other seats) of common use, and at the disposal of the ordinary. *Watf. c. 39.*

And further he saith, that if a man with the assent of the ordinary doth set up a seat in the nave of the church for himself, and another doth pull down or deface it ; trespass vi et armis in such case doth not lie against him, because the freehold is in the parson, and so the only remedy is in the ecclesiastical court. *Watf. c. 39.*

15. It is said, that in all cases of prescriptions for seats, the ordinary hath nothing to do ; but the matter is solely determinable at the common law. *Degge P. 1. c. 12.*

And therefore if a suit be commenced in the spiritual court for a seat, upon the account of prescription ; a prohibition

Rights to seats
where triable.

hibition will lie for the party sued, because whether the prescription be good or not, is not in the spiritual court to judge. *Watf. c. 39.*

And it is said that the plaintiff, if it go against him, may have a prohibition as to the costs; because the suit is coram non iudice as to the principal: but there seem to be good reasons against that. For the spiritual court may in several cases proceed upon libels grounded on prescription, where the prescription is not denied, (so that such suits are not absolutely coram non iudice:) and the reason why a prohibition shall be granted where the prescription or custom is denied, seemeth to be this; that the notion of customs and prescriptions is different by the ecclesiastical law from what it is at the common law, as to the time in which such custom or prescription may be created: for the ecclesiastical law allows of different times in creating customs or prescriptions, and generally of less time than is allowed of by the common law, which owns no time in such case, but that whereof there is no memory of man to the contrary. Therefore the common law will not suffer the spiritual courts to try prescriptions, whereby they might affect and charge persons inheritances, by adjudging them to be good, which by the common law are no prescriptions. *Watf. c. 39.*

But the title to a seat is properly triable at the common law, by action upon the case; and it is agreed, that the plaintiff need not to shew any reparation in his declaration, but he ought to prove reparation in evidence. *Watf. c. 39.*

Nevertheless, for a disturbance in the seat, a man may sue in the spiritual court; and the defendant, if he will, may admit the prescription to be tried there; as a defendant doth a modus, or a pension, by prescription. *2 Salk. 551. L. Raym. 755.*

VIII. Goods and ornaments of the church.

1. By the 1 El. c. 2. *Such ornaments of the church, and of the ministers thereof, shall be retained and be used, as was in the church of England, by authority of parliament, in the second year of the reign of king Edward the sixth, until other order shall be therein taken by the authority of the queen's majesty, with the advice of her commissioners appointed and authorized under the great seal of England for causes ecclesiastical, or of the metropolitan of this realm. f. 25.* Goods and ornaments in general.

Other order] Pursuant to this clause, the queen in the third year of her reign, granted a commission to the arch-
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bishop, bishop of London, Dr Bill, and Dr Haddon, to reform the disorders of chancels, and to add to the ornaments of them, by ordering the commandments to be placed at the east end. *Gibf. 201.*

And by the rubrick before the common prayer: *Such ornaments of the church, and of the ministers thereof, at all times of their ministration, shall be retained and be in use, as were in this church of England, by authority of parliament, in the second year of the reign of king Edward the sixth.*

Ordinary's care
therein.

2. Reynolds. *The archdeacons shall take care, that the clothes of the altar be decent and in good order; that the church have fit books both for singing and reading; and at least two sacerdotal vestments.* Lindw. 52.

By the statute of Circumspecte agatis, 13 Ed. 1. st. 4. *The king to his judges sendeth greeting. Use yourselves circumspectly, in all matters concerning the prelates, where they do punish for that the church is not conveniently decked: in which cases, the spiritual judge shall have power to take knowledge, notwithstanding the king's prohibition.*

Not conveniently decked) For the law alloweth the ecclesiastical court to have conusance in this case, of providing decent ornaments for the celebration of divine service. 2 Inst. 489.

Churchwardens
care therein.

3. Can. 85. *The churchwardens or questmen shall take care, that all things in the church be kept in such an orderly and decent sort, without dust, or any thing that may be either noisome or unseemly, as best becometh the house of God, and is prescribed in an homily to that effect.*

Communion
table.

4. Can. 82. *Whereas we have no doubt, but that in all churches within the realm of England, convenient and decent tables are provided and placed for the celebration of the holy communion; we appoint that the same tables shall from time to time be kept and repaired in sufficient and seemly manner, and covered in time of divine service with a carpet of silk or other decent stuff, thought meet by the ordinary of the place (if any question be made of it), and with a fair linen cloth at the time of the ministration, as becometh that table, and so stand, saving when the said holy communion is to be administered. At which time the same shall be placed in so good sort within the church or chancel, as thereby the minister may be more conveniently heard of the communicants in his prayer and ministration, and the communicants also more conveniently and in more number may communicate with the said minister. And all this to be done at the charge of the parish.*

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In the case of *Newson* and *Bawldry*, *M. i An.* The case was, that the communion table of ancient time had been placed in the chancel; that there were ancient rails about it, which were out of repair; that the parishioners at a meeting had resolved to repair the chancel and rails, and to replace the table there, and raise the floor some steps higher, for the sake of greater decency: And upon refusal to pay the rate, and a prohibition prayed, the court inclined that the parishioners might do these things; for they are compellable to put things in decent order, and as to the degrees of order and decency, there is no rule, but as the parishioners by a majority do agree.

Far. 70.

5. In ancient times, the bishops preached standing *Pulpit.* upon the steps of the altar. Afterwards it was found more convenient, to have pulpits erected for that purpose.

Ayl. Par. 21.

And by *Can.* 83. The churchwardens or questmen, at the common charge of the parishioners, in every church shall provide a comely and decent pulpit, to be set in a convenient place within the same, by the discretion of the ordinary of the place (if any question do arise); and to be there seemly kept for the preaching of God's word.

6. *Can.* 82. And likewise a convenient seat shall be *Reading desk.* made at the charge of the parish, for the minister to read service in.

7. *Can.* 58. Every minister saying the publick prayers, *Surplice.* or ministring the sacraments or other rights of the church, shall wear a decent and comely surplice with sleeves, to be provided at the charge of the parish. And if any question arise touching the matter, decency, or comeliness thereof; the same shall be decided by the discretion of the ordinary.

8. *Can.* 81. According to a former constitution, too *Font.* much neglected in many places, we appoint, that there shall be a font of stone in every church and chapel where baptism is to be ministr'd; the same to be set in the ancient usual places. In which only font the minister shall baptize publickly.

Former constitution] To wit, among the canons of 1571. *Gibbs.* 360.

9. In an act in the 27 *H. 8.* for punishment of sturdy *Chest for alms.* vagabonds, it was enacted, that money collected for the poor should be kept in the common coffer or box standing in the church of every parish.

And by *Can. 84.* The churchwardens shall provide and have, within three months after the publishing of these constitutions, a strong chest, with a hole in the upper part thereof, to be provided at the charge of the parish, (if there be none such already provided,) having three keys; of which one shall remain in the custody of the parson vicar or curate, and the other two in the custody of the churchwardens for the time being: which chest they shall set and fasten in the most convenient place, to the intent the parishioners may put into it their alms for their poor neighbours. And the parson vicar or curate shall diligently from time to time, and especially when men make their testaments, call upon exhort and move their neighbours to confer and give as they may well spare to the said chest, declaring unto them, that whereas heretofore they have been diligent to bestow much substance otherwise than God commanded, upon superstitious uses, now they ought at this time to be much more ready to help the poor and needy, knowing that to relieve the poor is a sacrifice which pleaseth God: and that also, whatsoever is given for their comfort, is given to Christ himself, and is so accepted of him, that he will mercifully reward the same. The which alms and devotion of the people, the keepers of the keys shall yearly, quarterly, or oftner (as need requireth) take out of the chest, and distribute the same in the presence of most of the parish, or of six of the chief of them, to be truly and faithfully delivered to their most poor and needy neighbours.

Basin for the offertory.

10. Whilst the sentences of the offertory are in reading, the deacons, churchwardens, or other fit person appointed for that purpose, shall receive the alms for the poor, and other devotions of the people, in a decent basin, to be provided by the parish for that purpose. *Rubr.*

This *offertory* was anciently an oblation for the use of the priest; but at the reformation it was changed into alms for the poor. *Ayl. Par. 394.*

Chalice and other vessels for the communion.

11. *Can. 20.* The churchwardens, against the time of every communion, shall at the charge of the parish, with the advice and direction of the minister, provide a sufficient quantity of fine white bread and of good and whole some wine: which wine we require to be brought to the communion table, in a clean and sweet standing pot, or stoop of pewter, if not of purer metal,

Winchelsea.

Winchelsea. The parishioners shall find at their own charge the chalice or cup for the wine. *Lindw.* 252.

Which, says Lindwood, altho' expressed in the singular number, yet is not intended to exclude more than one, where more are necessary. *Lindw.* 252.

12. *Winchelsea.* The parishioners, at their own charge, Bells. shall find bells with ropes. *Lindw.* 252.

13. *Winchelsea.* The parishioners shall find, at their Bier. own charge, a bier for the dead. *Lind.* 252.

14. *Can.* 80. If any parishes be yet unfurnished of the Bible. bible of the largest volume; the churchwardens shall within convenient time provide the same at the charge of the parish.

Bible of the largest volume] This was directed by the second of lord Cromwell's injunctions under king Henry the eighth; and in the thirty third year of the same reign, it was enforced by proclamation and a penalty of 40^s. The like order for this, and also for the paraphrase of Erasmus, was in the injunctions of *Ed.* 6. and continued in those of queen Elizabeth; and (together with the book of homilies) in the canons of 1571. But what bible is here meant, by that of the *largest volume*, is not very clear. King James the first's translation was not then made: Queen Elizabeth's bible was called the *bishop's bible*; and the translations and reviews, commonly called the *great bible*, were those of Tindal and Coverdale in the time of king Henry the eighth, and that which was published by direction of archbishop Cranmer in the reign of Edward the sixth. *Gibf.* 202.

15. By *Can.* 80. The churchwardens or questmen of every church and chapel shall, at the charge of the parish, provide the book of common prayer, lately explained in some few points by his majesty's authority according to the laws and his highness's prerogative in that behalf; and that, with all convenient speed, but at the furthest within two months after the publishing of these our constitutions. Common prayer book.

Lately explained] To wit, in the conference at Hampton court. *Gibf.* 226.

By the 1 *El.* c. 2. The book of common prayer shall be provided at the charge of the parishioners of every parish and cathedral church. s. 19.

By the 13 & 14 *C.* 2. c. 4. A true printed copy of the (present) book of common prayer shall, at the costs and charges of the parishioners of every parish-church and

chapelry, cathedral church, college and hall; be provided before the feast of St Bartholomew 1662, on pain of 3l. a mon h for so long time as they shall be unprovided thereof. f. 2.

Book of homilies.

16. *Can.* 80. If any parishes be yet unfurnished of the book of homilies allowed by authority; the churchwardens shall within convenient time provide the same at the charge of the parish.

Register book.

17. By *Can.* 17. In every parish church and chapel, shall be provided one parchment book at the charge of the parish, wherein shall be written the day and year of every christning, wedding, and burial within the parish; and for the safe keeping thereof, the churchwardens at the charge of the parish shall provide one sure coffer, with three locks and keys, whereof one to remain with the minister, and the other two with the churchwardens severally.

And by the 26 *G. 2. c.* 33. The churchwardens shall provide proper books of vellum, or good and durable paper; in which all *marriages* and *banns of marriage* respectively, there published or solemnized, shall be registered; to be carefully kept and preserved for publick use.

And by the 30 *C. 2. c.* 3. for burying in woollen; all persons in holy orders, deans; parsons, deacons, vicars, curates, and their or any of their substitutes, shall take an exact account and keep a register of every person *buried* in their respective precincts.

Table of degrees.

18. *Can.* 99. The table of degrees of marriages prohibited, shall be in every church publicly set up at the charge of the parish.

Ten commandments.

19. *Can.* 82. The ten commandments shall be set at the charge of the parish, upon the east end of every church and chapel, where the people may best see and read the same.

Sentences.

20. *Can.* 82. And other chosen sentences shall at the like charge be written upon the walls of the said churches and chapels, in places convenient.

Monuments.

21. Lord Coke says, concerning the building or erecting of tombs, sepulchres, or monuments for the deceased, in church, chancel, common chapel, or churchyard, in convenient manner; it is lawful; for it is the last work of charity that can be done for the deceased; who whilst he lived was a lively temple of the Holy Ghost, with a reverend regard and christian hope of a joyful resurrection. And the defacing of them is punishable by the

the common law, as it appeareth in the book of the 9 *Ed.* 4. 14. the lady *Wiche's* case, wife of Sir *Hugh Wiche*; and so it was agreed by the whole court, *M. 10 J.* in the common pleas between *Corven* and *Pym*. And for the defacing thereof, they that build or erect the same shall have the action during their lives (as the lady *Wiche* had in the case of the 9 *Ed.* 4;) and after their deceases, the heir of the deceased shall have the action. But the building or erecting of the sepulchre, tomb, or other monument, ought not to be to the hindrance of the celebration of divine service. 3 *Inst.* 202.

For of grave stones (he says), winding sheets, coats of arms, penons, or other ensigns of honour, hanged up laid or placed in memory of the dead, the property remains in the executors; and they may have actions against such as break deface or carry them away, or an appeal of felony. 3 *Inst.* 110.

But Sir Simon Degge says, he conceives that this must be intended, by licence of the bishop, or consent of the parson and churchwardens. *Degge P. 1. c. 12.*

And Dr Watson says, this is to be understood of such monuments only, as are set up in the chels belonging to particular persons; or if they are set up in any other part of the church, he supposes it is to be understood, that they were placed there with the incumbent's consent. *Watf. c. 39.*

And Dr Gibson observing thereupon saith thus: Monuments, coat armour, and other ensigns of honour, set up in memory of the deceased, may not be removed at the pleasure of the ordinary or incumbent. On the contrary, if either they or any other person shall take away or deface them, the person who set them up shall have an action against them during his life, and after his death the heir of the deceased shall have the same, who (as they say) is inheritable to arms, and the like, as to heir looms; and it availeth not that they are annexed to the freehold, tho' that is in the parson. But this, as he conceives, is to be understood with one limitation; if they were first set up with consent of the ordinary: for though (as my lord Coke says) tombs sepulchres or monuments may be erected for the deceased in church or chancel in convenient manner, the ordinary must be allowed the proper judge of that conveniency; inasmuch as such erecting, as he addeth, ought not to be to the hindrance of the celebration of divine service. And if they are erected without consent, and upon inquiry and inspection be

found to the hindrance of divine service, he thinks it will not be denied, that in such case the ordinary hath sufficient authority to decree a removal, without any danger of an action at law. *Gibf.* 453, 454.

M. 10 *G.* *Palmer* against the bishop of *Exeter*. Sir Thomas Bury set up his arms in the church of St David's in *Exeter*. The ordinary promotes a suit in the spiritual court, to deface them, as being set up without his consent. It was moved for a prohibition; on the authorities that action lies by the heir for defacing the monument of his ancestor: But *Eyre* and *Fortescue* justices said, the ordinary was judge what ornaments were proper, and might order them to be defaced. The same was afterwards moved in the court of common pleas, and denied there also. *Str.* 576.

For the ordinary is the proper judge about erecting monuments, or putting up other ornaments in the church: yet nevertheless, notwithstanding his allowance, an appeal lies to the metropolitan. As in the case of *Cart* and *Marsh*, *M.* 11 *G.* 2. A dispute arose between the parties, upon crosses petitions exhibited to the archdeacon of *Bedford* and commissary of the bishop of *Lincoln*, for leave to erect a monument against a pier in *Dunstable* church, to the memory of their respective ancestors. And upon allegations given in on both sides, *Marsh* appealed to the arches against the admission of *Cart*'s allegation. Upon which *Cart* moved for a prohibition; insisting, 1. That ornaments are discretionary only in the ordinary, and therefore no appeal would lie. Or, 2. If it did, yet it must be to the bishop of *Lincoln*, and not to the arches. But the court held, that tho' ornaments cannot be set up without the consent of the ordinary; yet it must be exercised according to a prudent and legal discretion, which the superior hath a right to look into and correct; and therefore the appeal well lay, as it doth in cases of granting of administration to one, where there are two in equal degree. And as to its being an appeal to the arches, it was held, that wherever the act is done by a commissary, it is considered as the act of the ordinary himself; and to him no appeal will lie from his own act, and it must consequently be to the metropolitan. So the rule for a prohibition was discharged. *Str.* 1080.

Images.

22. If any superstitious pictures are in a window of a church or ile, it is not lawful for any to break them, without licence of the ordinary: and in *Picket's* case, *Wray*

Wray chief justice bound the offender to the good behaviour. *Cro. Ja.* 366.

23. Besides what hath been observed in particular, there are many other articles for which no provision is made by any special law, and therefore must be referred to the general power of the churchwardens, with the consent of the major part of the parishioners as aforesaid, and under the direction of the ordinary; such as the erecting galleries, adding new bells (and of consequence, as it seemeth, salaries for the ringers), organs, clock, chimes, king's arms, pulpit cloths, herse cloth, rushes or mats, vestry furniture, and such like. Other goods and ornaments.

There are also besides these, by an ancient constitution of archbishop Winchelsea, divers other particulars enjoined to be found at the charge of the parish, which since the reformation are become for the most part obsolete; but nevertheless, as they do frequently occur in our books, it may be proper not to pass them altogether unnoticed. Which constitution is thus:

The parishioners shall find at their own charge, these several things following; a legend, an antiphonar, a grail, a psalter, a troper, an ordinal, a missal, a manual, the principal vestment, with a chesible, a dalmatic, a tunic, with a choral cope, and all its appendages, a frontal for the great altar, with three towels, three surplices, one rochet, a cross for processions, cross for the dead, a censer, a lanthorn, an hand-bell to be carried before the body of Christ in the visitation of the sick, a pyx for the body of Christ, a decent veil for lent, banners for the rogations, a vessel for the blessed water, an osculatory, a candlestick for the taper at Easter, a font with a lock and key, the images in the church, the chief image in the chancel, the reparation of the body of the church within and without as well in the images as in the glass windows, the reparation of books and vestments whenever they shall need. *Lindw.* 251.

Legend] The book containing lessons to be read in the publick service, taken out of the holy scripture, the lives of saints, the writings of the ancient fathers and other doctors of the church. *Lindw.* 251.

Antiphonar] From *anti contra*, and *phon sonus*; so called from the alternate repetition of the psalm; one part thereof being sung by one part of the choir, and the other part thereof by the other part of the choir: And it contained not only the *antiphonæ*, as the word barely signifies, but also the invitatories, hymns, responsories, verses,

verses, collects; and whatever was said or sung in the choir, called the seven hours, or breviary, except the lessons. *Lindw.* 251.

Grail] Gradale; strictly taken, this signifieth that which is sung *gradatim* after the epistle: but here it is to be understood of that whole book which containeth all that was to be sung by the quire at high mass; the tracts, sequences, hallelujahs, the creed, offertory, trifagium, and the rest; as also the office for sprinkling the holy water. *Lindw.* 251.

Psalter] The book wherein the psalms are contained. *Lindw.* 251.

Troper] This contained the sequences only; which were not in all grails. The sequences were devotions used after the epistle. *Lindw.* 251.

Ordinal] The book which *ordereth* the manner of performing divine service: and seemeth to be the same which was called the *pie*, or *portuis*, and sometimes *portiforium*. *Lind.* 251. *Johnf. Winch.*

Missal] The book which containeth all things pertaining to the saying of mass. *Lindw.* 251.

Manual] So called *a manu*, as being required to be constantly at hand; and it seemeth to be the same as the *ritual*; and containeth all things belonging to the ministration of the sacraments and sacramentals: also the blessing of fonts, and other things by the use of the church requiring benediction: and the whole service used at processions. *Lind.* 251.

Principal vestment] That is, the best cope to be worn on the principal feasts. *Lind.* 252.

Chefible] Casula; the garment worn by the priest, next under the cope: which was called also the *planet*. And it is said to be so called, as being a kind of *cottage* (as it were), or little house; covering him all over. *Lind.* 252.

Dalmatic] A deacon's garment; so called, from being at first woven in *Dalmatia*. *Lind.* 252. *Johnf. Winch.*

Tunic] The subdeacon's garment, which he useth in serving the minister at the mass. *Lind.* 252.

Choral cope] *Capa in choro*: a cope, not so good as that to be used on festivals, but to be worn by the priest

priest who presided at the saying or singing the hours.
Johns.

The *capa* was so called *a capiendo*, because it containeth or covereth the whole man. *Lind.* 252.

And all its appendages] To wit, the amyt, alb, girdle, maniple, and stole. *Lind.* 252.

Frontal] A square piece of linen cloth covering the altar, and hanging down from it; otherwise called a *pall*. *Lind.* 252.

For the great altar] In honour of the saint to whom the church is dedicated: which was wont to be placed in the choir, as in a more solemn part of the church. *Lind.* 252.

Three towels] Two to be laid upon the altar under the corporal; and the third for wiping the hands. *Lind.* 252.

Three surplices] For the use of the three ministers of the church; the priest, deacon, and subdeacon. *Lind.* 252.

Rochet] Rochet is a surplice, save that it has no sleeves; and was for the clerk who assisted the priest at the mass; or for the priest when he baptized children, that his arms might be more at liberty. *Lind.* 252.

A cross for the dead] To be laid on the coffin, as it seemeth; or on the corps when it was brought to the church. *Johns.*

Pyx] With a lid or cover. *Lind.* 252.

Osculatory] This was a tablet or board, with the picture of Christ, the blessed Virgin, or the like; which the priest kissed himself, and gave to the people for the same purpose, after the consecration was performed, instead of the ancient kiss of charity. *Johns.*

Images] To wit, of Christ crucified, and of other saints. *Lind.* 253.

The chief image in the chancel] That is, of the saint to whom the church is dedicated. *Lindw.* 253.

24. A person may give or dedicate goods to God's service in such a church, and deliver them into the custody of the churchwardens, and thereby the property is immediately changed. *Degge P. 1. c. 12.*

Who hath the property in the goods of the church.

And

And if a man erect a pew in the church, or hang up a bell in the steeple, they do thereby become church goods (tho' they are not expressly given to the church), and he may not afterwards remove them; if he does, the churchwardens may sue him.

The soil and freehold of the church and churchyard is in the parson; but the fee simple of the glebe is in abeyance. *1 Inst.* 341. And if the walls, windows, or doors of the church be broken by any person, or the trees in the churchyard be cut down, or grass there be eaten up by a stranger; the incumbent of the rectory (or his tenant if they be let) may have his action for the damages. *Walsf. c. 39.*

But the goods of the church do not belong to the incumbent, but to the parishioners; and if they be taken away, or broken, the churchwardens shall have their action of trespass at the common law. *Walsf. c. 39.* As in the case of *Bucksal, T. 12 J.* But whereas it is there said, that suit shall not be therefore in the spiritual court; a later judgment (*E. 18 C. 2.*) says, that tho' the churchwardens had an action at common law, against those who had taken away the bells, yet the more proper remedy was in the spiritual court, because at the common law only damages would be recovered, but the spiritual court would decree the restoring of the thing it self. *1 Roll's Rep.* 57. *1 Sid.* 281. *Gibbs.* 206.

By the civil law, the goods belonging to a church are forbidden to be alienated, or pawned, unless for the redemption of captives, for relief of the poor in time of great famine and want, or for paying the debts of the church if a supply cannot be otherwise raised, or upon other cases of necessity or great advantage to the church. And in every alienation, the cause must be first examined, and the decree of the prelate intervene, with the consent of the whole clergy or chapter. *Wood Civ. L.* 142.

But by the laws of England, the goods belonging to a church may be alienated: yet the churchwardens alone cannot dispose of them, without the consent of the parish: and a gift of such goods by them without the consent of the sidemen or vestry is void. *Walsf. c. 39.*

IX. Church rate.

Rate to be made
at a vestry meet-
ing.

1. Rates for reparation of the church are to be made by the churchwardens, together with the parishioners assembled,

sembled, upon publick notice given in the church. And the major part of them that appear, shall bind the parish : or if none appear, the churchwardens alone may make the rate ; because they, and not the parishioners, are to be cited and punished, in defect of repairs. But the bishop cannot direct a commission, to rate the parishioners, and appoint what each one shall pay : this must be done by the churchwardens and parishioners ; and the spiritual court may inflict spiritual censures till they do. *Gibf. 196.*

1 *Bac. Abr. 373.*

But if the rate be illegally imposed, by such commission from the bishop, or otherwise, without the parishioners consent ; yet if it be after assented to, and confirmed by the major part of the parishioners, that will make it good. *Watf. c. 39.*

2. And these levies are not chargeable upon the land, but upon the person in respect of the land, for the more equality and indifferency. *Degge P. 1. c. 12.*

Personal charge
in respect of the
land.

And houses as well as lands are chargeable, and in some places houses only ; as in cities and large towns where there are only houses, and no lands to be charged. *Heil. 130. 2 Lutw. 1019.*

3. It hath been said, that if a person be rated for the ornaments of the church, according to his land which he hath in the parish ; a prohibition lieth : because for these he ought to be rated according to his personal estate.

Whether there
shall be two
rates ; one for
the fabrick, and
another for or-
naments.

2 *Roll's Abr. 291.*

And that if a person who is not an inhabitant within the parish, but hath land there, is rated there for the ornaments of the church according to his land ; a prohibition lieth : for the inhabitants ought to be rated for them. *M. 20 f.* And Yelverton said, that this had been divers times so resolved. 2 *Roll's Abr. 291.*

And Lindwood says, that persons living out of the parish, and having lands within the parish, shall be rated for the same in respect of real but not of personal charges ; and for this he refers to several passages in the civil law. *Lindw. 255.*

And Dr Gibson says, a rate for the reparation of the fabrick of the church is real, charging the land, and not the person ; but a rate for ornaments is personal, upon the goods and not upon the land. Thus it was defined and agreed in the court of king's bench, *E. 8 Jac.* where the tax was, for the reparation of the church, for church ornaments, and for nexton's wages ; and because the person rated, tho' an occupier of land in the parish, dwelt

out

out of it, he was declared to be unduly rated in the two last articles; and it was further agreed, that if a tax be made for the reparation of seats in a church, a foreigner shall not be taxed for that, because he hath no benefit by them in particular. The same distinction, as to ornaments, was again declared to be good, *M. 20 Jac.* And long after these, in *Woodward's* case, in the 4 *Jac.* 2. where the matter was, a tax for the bells of the church, a prohibition was granted, upon this suggestion, that the party who prayed it, was not an inhabitant of the parish; and the court gave for reason, because it is a personal charge to which the inhabitants alone are liable, and not those who only occupy in that parish, and live in another. *Gibbs. 196.*

But upon trial of the same case, upon the prohibition, *T. 1 W.* it was determined, that *Woodward*, although he lived in another parish, was liable: as will appear afterwards.

And Sir *Simon Degge* saith thus: There hath been some question made, whether one that holds lands in one parish, and resides in another, may be charged to the ornaments of the parish where he doth not reside; and some opinions have been, that foreigners were only chargeable to the shell of the church, but not to bells, seats, or ornaments. But he says, he conceives the law to be clear otherwise; and that the foreigner that holds lands in the parish, is as much obliged to pay towards the bells seats and ornaments, as to the repair of the church; otherwise there would be great confusion in making several levies, the one for the repair of the church, the other for the ornaments, which he says he never observed to be practised within his knowledge. And it is possible that all, or the greatest part of the land in a parish may be held by foreigners; and it were unreasonable in such case to lay the whole charge upon the inhabitants, which may be but a poor shepherd. The reason alledged against this charge upon the foreigners, is chiefly because the foreigner hath no benefit by the bells, seats, and ornaments; which receives an answer in *Jeffrey's* case (*5 Co. 67.*), for there it is resolved, that landholders that live in a foreign parish, are in judgment of law inhabitants and parishioners, as well in the parish where they hold lands, as where they reside; and may come to the parish meetings, and have votes there as well as others. For authorities in the case, it is clear by the canon law, that all landholders, whether they live in the parish or out of it,

it, are bound to contribute. And he hath seen (he says) a report under the hand of Mr *Latch*, that it was resolved in *Willymat's* case, *H. 6 Ja.* and in *Chester's* case in the 10 *Ja.* that a foreigner that held lands in another parish wherein he did not reside, was as much chargeable to the ancient ornaments of the church, as bells, seats, and the like, as those that lived in the parish; but that such landholders could not be charged to new bells, organs, or such like. And Mr. *Bulstrode* (1 *Bulstr.* 20.) reports a case about the same time, that the chief justice *Fleming* and Mr justice *Williams* were of the same opinion, and gave this reason, that the foreigner might come to the church if he pleased. *Degge P. 1. c. 12.*

And the practice, for the ease and convenience thereof, seemeth now generally to go with this latter opinion.

4. If a parish plead a custom for it to be laid only for lands, and not for houses: or to be laid only for arable lands, and to be excused for their pastures; or to be laid only for their sheep walks, and not for the rest; the custom cannot be good: for by the law, all lands and houses are to be equally rated; and their paying for some part, can be no good cause for the discharge of the rest. *Heil. 130. Latch. 203.*

To be charged
with equality as
indifference.

Stratford. All persons, as well religious, as others whatsoever, having possessions farms or rents, which are not of the glebe or endowment of the churches to be repaired, living within the parish or elsewhere, shall be bound to contribute with the rest of the parishioners of the aforesaid churches, as often as shall be needful, to all charges incumbent upon the parishioners, concerning their church and the ornaments thereof, by law or custom; having respect unto the quantity of such possessions and rents. Whereunto, so often as shall be necessary, the ordinary shall compel them by ecclesiastical censures and other lawful means. *Lind. 255.*

Which are not of the glebe or endowment of the churches to be repaired] Therefore if such lands be of the glebe or endowment of the churches; he who is tenant of the lands, ought not to contribute to such repairs or ornaments. *Lindw. 255.*

Of the churches to be repaired] From hence it appeareth, that if there be lands within the parish belonging to another church, and which are of the glebe or endowment of such other church; yet they who have such lands, ought to contribute to the repairs and ornaments of the church

church of that parish, within which parish such lands do lie. *Lind. 255.*

With the rest of the parishioners] This implieth, that they who live out of the parish, and have lands within the parish, ought to be rated amongst the parishioners of that parish where the lands lie. *Lind. 255.*

Their church] To wit, the building, repairing, or other sustentation thereof. *Lind. 255.*

Having respect unto the quantity of such possessions] Which ought to be estimated according to the value of the rent. *Lind. 255.*

Land lying in
another parish.

5. If a person inhabiteth in one parish, and hath land in another parish, which he occupieth himself there; he shall be charged for this land, for the reparation of the church of the parish in which the land lieth: because he may come there when he will, and he is to be charged in respect of the land. *2 Roll's Abr. 289.*

But a person cannot be charged in the parish where he inhabiteth, for land which he hath in another parish, to the reparation of that church where he inhabiteth; for then he might be twice charged: for he may be charged for this in the parish where the land lieth. *2 Roll's Abr. 289.*

And therefore the rate shall be laid upon all lands within the parish, altho' the occupiers inhabit in another parish. Which point was first fully settled in *Jeffrey's case*, *M. 31 & 32 El. (5 Co. 66.)* where it was also resolved (pursuant to the opinion of divers civilians under their hands), that such occupation of land maketh the person occupying a parishioner, and intitles him to come to the assemblies of the same parish, when they meet together for such purposes; and it was said, that if such lands were not liable to be rated, a person who inhabiteth in one parish might occupy the greatest part of the lands in another parish, and so churches might come to ruin. And altho', seven years after this, in the case of *Paget and Crumpton (Cro. El. 659.)* a prohibition was obtained, upon a surmise, that the person rated lived not in the parish; yet upon sight of this precedent, Popham chief justice changed his opinion, and it was resolved by him and the whole court, that a consultation should be granted; and now (lord Coke says) this is generally allowed and received for law. *Gibbs. 196.*

T. 1 W. Woodward and Makepeace. Woodward who lived in the diocese of Litchfield and Coventry, but occupied

cupied lands in the parish of D. in the diocese of Peterborough, was in the said parish of D. taxed in respect of his land, as an inhabitant, towards a rate for new casting of the bells; and because he refused to pay, was cited into the court of the bishop of Peterborough, and libelled against for this matter. And by the court; this is not a citing out of the diocese, within the statute of the 32 H. 8. c. 9. for he is an inhabitant where he occupies the land, as well as where he personally resides: Secondly, that altho' he doth not personally live in the parish, yet by having lands in his hands he is taxable: And whereas it was pretended, that the bells were but ornaments, it was held, that they were more than mere ornaments; that they were as necessary as the steeple, which is of no use without the bells; and Holt chief justice said, If he be an inhabitant as to the church, which is confessed, how can he not be an inhabitant as to the ornaments of the church? *1 Salk. 164.*

6. Where such lands are in farm; not the lessor, but the tenant shall pay. For (as it was determined in *Jeffrey's* case before cited) there is an inhabitant and parishioner who may be charged; and the receipt of the rent doth not make the lessor a parishioner. And so it was resolved in the 4 W. (4 Mod. 148.) where a libel was in the spiritual court, for not paying a rate; and the suggestion in order to a prohibition was, that the lands were in the occupation of his tenant, and himself was not a parishioner; and it was held to be a good suggestion, and that the tenant should be charged, and not the owner. *Gibf. 197.*

7. It is said, that the patron of a church, as in right of the founder, may prescribe, that in respect of the foundation, he and his tenants have been freed from the charge of repairing the church. *Degge, P. 1. c. 12.*

8. The rectory, or vicarage which is derived out of it, are not chargeable to the repair of the body of the church, steeple, publick chapels, or ornaments; being at the whole charge of repairing the chancel. *Degge, P. 1. c. 12.* But an impropiator of a rectory or parsonage, though bound to repair the chancel, is also bound to contribute to the reparations of the church, in case he hath lands in the parish which are not parcel of the rectory. This was adjudged by the whole court in serjeant *Davie's* case, without any question made of it. *Gibf. 197.*

9. The inhabitants of a precinct where is a chapel, tho' it is a parochial chapel, and tho' they do repair that chapel, *Inhabitants of a chapelry how far exempted.*

pel, are nevertheless of common right contributory to the repairs of the mother church. If they have seats at the mother church, to go thither when they please, or receive sacraments, or sacramentals, or marry, christen, or bury at it, there can be no pretence for a discharge. Nor can any thing support that plea, but that they have time out of mind been discharged (which also is doubted whether it be of it self a full discharge); or that in consideration thereof, they have paid so much to the repair of the church, or the wall of the churchyard, or the keeping of a bell, or the like compositions (which are clearly a discharge). *Gibbs. 197.*

Dr Godolphin says, it is contrary to common right, that they who have a chapel of ease in a village, should be discharged of repairing the mother church; for it may be that the church, being built with stone, may not need any reparation within the memory of man: and yet that doth not discharge them, without some special cause of discharge shewed. *God. 153.*

10. The hall of a company being rated to the repairs of a church, the spiritual court in case of non-payment may proceed against the master and wardens of such company. For the hall is liable to pay, and they cannot proceed otherwise than by citation; which may be executed upon an aggregate corporation; and therefore the officers of the corporation are to be cited; and the rate paid by them is to be allowed in their accounts. *T. Jones 187.*

11. If a petty chapman take a standing, for rent to be paid by him, in the waste of the manor within the market, for two or three hours every market day, to sell his commodities, the market being holden there one day every week, but he inhabiteth in another parish; he may not be rated to the reparation of the church for this standing. *2 Roll's Abr. 289.*

12. An order and direction set down by Dr King, Dr Lewen, Dr Lynsey, Dr Hoane, Dr Sweite, Dr Steward, and others, doctors of the civil law, to the number of thirteen in all, assembled together in the common dining hall of doctors commons in London, touching a course to be observed by the assessors, to their taxations of the church and walls of the churchyard of Wrotham in Kent; and to be applied generally, upon occasion of like reparations, to all places in England whatsoever.

(1) Every

Hall of a company.

Stall in a market.

Manner of laying the assessment.

(1) Every inhabitant dwelling within the parish, is to be charged according to his ability, whether in land or living within the same parish, or for his goods there; that is to say, for the best of them, but not for both.

(2) Every farmer dwelling out of the parish, and having lands and living within the said parish in his own occupation, is to be charged to the value of the same lands or living, or else to the value of the stock thereupon; even for the best, but not for both.

(3) Every farmer dwelling out of the parish, and having lands and living within the parish, in the occupation of any farmer or farmers, is not to be charged; but the farmer or farmers thereof are to be charged in particularity, every one according to the value of the land which he occupieth, or according to the stock thereupon; even for the best, but not for both.

(4) Every inhabitant and farmer occupying arable land within the parish, and feeding his cattle out of the parish, is to be charged for the arable lands within the parish, altho' his cattle be fed out of the parish.

(5) Every farmer of any mill within the parish, is to be charged for that mill; and the owner thereof (if he be an inhabitant) is to be charged for his hability in the same parish, besides the mill.

(6) Every owner of lands tenements copyholds or other hereditaments, inhabiting within the parish, is to be taxed according to his wealth in regard of a parishioner, altho' he occupy none of them himself; and his farmer or farmers also are to be taxed for occupying only.

(7) The assessors are not to tax themselves, but to leave the taxation of them to the residue of the parish. *God. Append. 10, 11.*

13. The form of the church rate may be this :

Form of the assessment.

“ We the churchwardens and other parishioners of the
 “ parish of ——— in the county of ——— and diocese
 “ of ——— whose names are hereunto subscribed, do
 “ hereby this ——— day of ——— in the year ——— at
 “ our vestry meeting for that purpose assembled, rate and
 “ tax all and every the inhabitants and parishioners of
 “ the parish aforesaid, here under mentioned, for and
 “ towards the repairs of the church of the said parish for
 “ this present year, the several sums following : vizt

Church.

A. B.	—	—	—	1	2	0
C. D.	—	—	—	0	3	0
E. F.	—	—	—	0	2	6

And so on.

A. B. } Churchwardens.
C. D. }

E. F. } Parishioners.
G. H. }
I. K. }
&c, }

Appeal against
the assessment.

Levying the as-
sessment.

14. And if any person find himself aggrieved at the inequality of any such assessment, his appeal is to the ecclesiastical judge, who is to see right done. *Degge, P. 1. c. 12.*

15. And if any of the parishioners refuse to pay their rates, being demanded by the churchwardens, they are to be sued for, and to be recovered in the ecclesiastical courts, and not elsewhere. *Degge, P. 1. c. 12.*

For the cognizance of rates made for the reparation of churches and churchyards, belongs to the spiritual court. This is in consequence of the foregoing statute of the 13 *Ed. 1.* concerning repairs as of spiritual cognizance; inasmuch as the right of judging of rates, and the enforcing of them, is of absolute necessity to render the statute effectual. *Gibb. 195.*

Pursuant to this general doctrine, prohibitions have on many occasions been denied, or consultations granted, by the temporal courts. As in the case of *Paget and Crumpton* (*Gra. El. 659*); where it was moved, that they of the spiritual court would try the quantity of the land (the tax being according to the rate of their land, and the person pretending that he was taxed for more land than he really had) and it was alledged, that this was always triable at the common law; the resolution of the court was, that the principal being suable in the spiritual court, the circumstances concerning it are inquirable and triable there also: and a consultation was awarded. So also where it was suggested in order to a prohibition, that the lands were over-rated; and that the custom of the parish was, not to be rated according to lands and houses, but according to sheep walks: the court declared, as to the first suggestion, that it was not material; because rates being

being to be proportioned to the value of the land, the valuing of the land must properly belong to the spiritual court: And as to the second, it was said by Haughton (but not finally resolved by the court) that of common right, the house and all the lands are chargeable to the reparation of the church; and that customs, in prejudice of such reparations, are void; as, at another time, the discharge by custom of 900 acres of wood, from payment of church rates, was declared to be a custom against law. Again, in the case of *Longmore and Churchyard*, (*Latch*, 217.) where the suggestion was, that by custom the rate ought to be in proportion to the king's tax, and that the party was rated above that proportion; *Bulstrode* said, this was a spiritual matter, and ought to be tried in the spiritual court, unless it appeared, that some proof which ought to be allowed by the rules of the common law, had been offered there and disallowed: and in the event, consultation was awarded by the whole court. So (*Poph.* 197.) where it was alledged that the rate was imposed needlessly (*viz.* for casting new bells, where there were four before) a prohibition was denied. In like manner (*1 Kent.* 308.) where a prohibition was prayed, upon a surmise that the tax was imposed upon one part of the parish, omitting the rest; the court doubted, in regard it was not alledged, that they had offered that plea in the ecclesiastical court; because reparation of churches is proper for their cognizance. And tho' a prohibition was granted, that the others might demur, if they thought fit, yet it was afterwards countermanded: For this may be properly pleaded in the spiritual court, and if not allowed, is cause of appeal. *Gibf.* 195.

So if a suit is instituted in the ecclesiastical court for a church rate, and a custom pleaded of a certain sum, or of something done, in lieu of the rate, and that plea is admitted, they may proceed to try that custom in the same manner as a modus; but if the custom is denied, it will be a proper ground for a prohibition (by the lord chancellor *Hardwicke*) for defect of trial in the ecclesiastical court, for the trying of the custom is the province of the common law. *1 Atkyns*, 289.

So if the bounds of the parish come in dispute in the ecclesiastical court, that is, if the party assailed aver that the land for which he is assailed lies in another parish, and not in the parish where it is assailed; if the party be contentious, he may have a prohibition, and try it at common law. *Degge*, P. 1. c. 12.

And by the 17 G. 2. c. 37. Where there shall be any dispute, in what parish or place, improved wastes, and drained and improved marsh lands lie, and ought to be rated; the occupiers of such lands, or houses built thereon, tithes arising therefrom, mines therein, and saleable underwoods, shall be rated to this and all other parish rates, within such parish and place as lies nearest to such lands: and if on application to the officers of such parish or place to have them rated as aforesaid, any dispute shall arise, the justices of the peace at the next sessions after such application made, and after notice given to the officers of the several parishes and places adjoining to such lands, and to all others interested therein, may hear and determine the same on the appeal of any person interested, and may cause the same to be equally assessed; whose determination therein shall be final. But this shall not determine the boundaries of any parish or place, other than for the purpose of rating such lands to the parochial rates as aforesaid.

And the church rate charged upon *quakers*, is recoverable before the justices of the peace, in like manner as are their tithes.

If the churchwardens defer to make or collect their rate, until they are out of their office; they are deprived of all legal authority of doing either: But they may present the persons in arrear, at the Easter visitation when they go out of their office; and the judge will cause justice to be done therein. Or their successors may prosecute for the same. 1 Bac. Abr. 376.

X. Churches not to be profaned.

1. By the 50 Ed. 3. c. 5. Because that complaint is made to our lord the king, by the clergy of his realm, that divers persons of holy church, whilst they attend to divine service in churches, churchyards, and other places dedicated to God, be sundry times taken and arrested by authority royal, and commandment of other temporal lords, in offence of God and of the liberties of holy church, and also in disturbance of divine services aforesaid: the same our lord the king will and granteth and defendeth upon grievous forfeiture, that none do the same from henceforth; so that collusion or feigned cause be not found in any of the said persons of holy church in this behalf.

And by the 1 R. 2. c. 15. Because that prelates do complain themselves, that as well beneficed people of holy church, as other, be arrested and drawn out as well of cathedral churches

as

Arrest in the
church or
churchyard.

as of other churches and their churchyards, and sometimes whilst they be intended to divine services; and so arrested and drawn out, be bound and brought to prison, against the liberty of holy church: it is ordained, that if any minister of the king, or other, do arrest any person of holy church by such manner, and thereof be duly convicted: he shall have imprisonment, and then be ransomed at the king's will, and make gree to the parties so arrested. Provided always, that the said people of holy church shall not hold them within the churches or sanctuaries, by fraud or collusion in any manner.

Whilst they attend to divine service] And that as well on the week days, as on fundays and holidays. *Watf. c. 34.*

Arrested] And if any arrest be made contrary to these statutes, and the person arresting doth presently discharge the person arrested, upon pretence of ignorance, or the like; yet this will not excuse the contempt in making the arrest. *Watf. c. 34.*

By authority royal] That is, in civil cases only, betwixt party and party; but not in cases criminal: and therefore a person may be apprehended going to or returning from divine service, by a warrant from a justice of the peace; it being for breach of the peace, and for the king: And so in the like cases. *Watf. c. 34.*

Liberties of holy church] This was the common law of the church before; of which these statutes are only an affirmance, 12 Co. 100.

Upon grievous forfeiture] And he that doth offend against the aforesaid statutes, may not only be fined in the temporal court; but may be excommunicated by the ecclesiastical judge for so doing, and condemned in costs. *Watf. c. 34.*

Nevertheless, after all, notwithstanding that the person arresting is liable to be punished for so doing, yet the arrest (if not on a Sunday) is good in law; so that if a rescue be made, and thereby any person shall be killed, the killing is murder. *Watf. c. 34.*

2. By the 13 Ed. 1. ft. 2. c. 6. *The king commandeth*, Fairs and markets, that from henceforth neither fairs nor markets be kept in churchyards, for the honour of the church.

Othobon. None shall hold a market of any things to be sold, nor presume to exercise any traffick in churches. Othon.

137. Nor in churchyards. *Ib.*

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Temporal courts.

3. Langton. *Causes of blood shall not be heard in the church or churchyard.* Lind. 270.

Can. 88. *The churchwardens or questmen and their assistants shall suffer no temporal courts, leets, or lay juries, to be kept in the church, chapel, or churchyard.*

Plays;

4. Can. 88. *The churchwardens or questmen, and their assistants, shall suffer no plays to be kept in the church chapel or churchyard.*

The acting of plays in churches seemeth to have been frequent in this and other nations, during the times of popery; as appears from the decretal epistle against them. At the reformation, and for some time after, those plays and interludes were very common; and, being representations of the corruptions of the monks, and the popish clergy, were very acceptable to the people. In the time of archbishop Grindal, there were an idle sort of people, who set up bills daily, but especially on holidays, inviting to their plays; by whose impure mouths God's word was profaned and turned into scoffs; and the archbishop moved secretary Cecil for a proclamation to suppress them. And it appears by this canon, that this profane usage was not then quite driven out of the churches and churchyards. *Gibf. 191.*

Feastings.

5. Can. 88. *The churchwardens or questmen, and their assistants, shall suffer no feasts, banquets, suppers, church-ales, drinkings, or any other profane usage to be kept in the church chapel or churchyard.*

These five prohibitions do all refer to the wake, or feast of the dedication of churches; the observation of which, among christians, was very ancient, and is particularly enjoined by the canon law. And in the laws of Edward the confessor, *Of the times and days of the king's peace*, one time is, in the parishes of those churches where the proper festival of the saint is celebrated. But the observation of them, however piously intended, grew by degrees into great excesses of eating and drinking and other irregularities; which, by the way, were at first in some sort indulged to the English by Gregory the great; at this feast of the dedication, in lieu of their sacrifices while they were heathens, viz. that they might set up hoots round the church, and there feast and entertain themselves: But the entertainments being forbidden (as was before observed) the solemnity it self, tho' revived by the book of sports, hath been since in great measure disused; and together with it, the disorders by this canon here prohibited. *Gibf. 191.*

6. Can.

6. Can. 88. *The churchwardens or questmen, and their assistants, shall suffer no musters to be kept, in the church chapel or churchyard.* Musters.

7. *If any person shall, by words only, quarrel chide or brawl, in any church or churchyard; it shall be lawful unto the ordinary of the place, where the same offence shall be done, and proved by two lawful witnesses, to suspend every person so offending; if he be a layman, from the entrance of the church; and if he be a clerk, from the ministration of his office, for so long time as the said ordinary shall think meet according to the fault.* 5 & 6 Ed. 6. c. 4. s. 1. Brawling;

To suspend every person so offending] H. 15. *Ja. Large and Alton.* A prohibition was prayed upon this statute, because that costs were given in the spiritual court: but it was denied by the court; the costs being there for the expences of the suit: otherwise, if it had been for damages. *Cro. Ja. 462.*

8. *If any person shall smite or lay any violent hands upon another, in any church or churchyard; then ipso facto every person so offending shall be deemed excommunicate, and be excluded from the fellowship and company of Christ's congregation.* 5 & 6 Ed. 6. c. 4. s. 2. Striking;

Shall smite or lay any violent hands] If one be assaulted in the church, or within a churchyard; he may not beat the other, or draw a weapon there, altho' the other assaulted him, and it be therefore in his own defence: for it is a sanctified place, and he may be punished for that by this statute. And it is the same in any of king's courts, or within view of the courts of justice; because a force in that case is not justifiable, tho' in a man's own defence. *Cro. Ja. 367.* 1 *Haw. 139.*

M. 1 An. Wenmouth and Collins. It was moved to have a prohibition granted to the ecclesiastical court, to stay a suit there against Wenmouth, for brawling in the belfrey, and striking a man there, upon suggestion of this statute, and alledging that all statutes are construable by the common law, and that Wenmouth came there as mayor to suppress a riot: But the court (Holt chief justice being absent) denied a prohibition, because this offence was cognizable in the ecclesiastical court before this statute, *ratione loci*; and that the statute, tho' it provides a penalty, doth not alter the jurisdiction. *L. Raym. 850.*

Lay any violent hands] But it hath been holden, that churchwardens, or perhaps private persons, who whip boys

boys for playing in the church, or pull off the hats of those who obstinately refuse to take them off themselves, or gently lay their hands on those who disturb the performance of any part of divine service, and turn them out of the church, are not within the meaning of this statute. 1 Haw. 139.

[In any church or churchyard] E. 33 El. In *Debbick's* case, who struck another in St Paul's churchyard in London; the court were clearly of opinion, that cathedrals as well as other churches are within the meaning of this statute. Cro. El. 224. 1 Leon. 248:

[*Ipso facto*] But notwithstanding that the words of the statute be so expressed, that he who smites another shall *ipso facto* be deemed excommunicate, yet there ought to be a precedent conviction at law, which must be transmitted to the ordinary, or else the excommunication must be declared in the spiritual court upon a proper proof of the offence there; for it is implied in every penal law, that no one shall incur the penalty thereof, till he be found guilty upon a lawful trial: also it must be intended in the construction of this statute, that the excommunication ought to appear judicially, because otherwise there could be no absolution. 1 Haw. 139.

In the case of *Wilson and Greaves*, H. 30 G. 2. A prohibition was moved for on this clause, and the suggestion was, that there ought to have been a previous conviction at law. But by the court, That is not necessary upon this clause. It is still indeed an offence at common law, and a man may be indicted for it; but besides this, he may be *ipso facto* excommunicated by the ordinary. If there is a conviction at law, the ordinary may use it as a proof of the fact; but he may proceed without any such previous conviction. And the proceedings of the two courts being *diverso intuitu*, it is no objection to say, that a man will at this rate be twice punished for the same offence. And this is common in many cases: for the temporal courts proceed to punish; the ecclesiastical, to amend. *Burrow, Mansfield*, 240.

But there must be a sentence declaratory at least in the spiritual court: otherwise the excommunication could not have effect; for no *excommunicato capiendo* could issue, without a *significavit* from the spiritual judge; and no *significavit* could issue but upon some proceedings before the said judge; nor otherwise could the party ever be absolved. *Bilson and Chapman*, H. 9 G. 2. *Cas. Hardwicke*, 190.

9. If any person shall maliciously strike any person with any weapon, in any church or churchyard; or shall draw any weapon in any church or churchyard, to the intent to strike another with the same weapon: he shall, on conviction by verdict of twelve men, or by his own confession, or by two lawful witnesses, at the assizes or sessions, be adjudged to have one of his ears cut off; and if he have no ears, he shall be burned in the cheek with a hot iron, having the letter F, whereby he may be known and taken for a fray-maker and fighter; and besides, he shall be and stand ipso facto excommunicated as is aforesaid. 5 & 6 Ed. 6. c. 4. f. 3.

Maliciously] It is not enough to say in the indictment, that he struck, but it must be also that he did it maliciously. Noy, 171.

Or shall draw any weapon] If a man take up a stone in the churchyard, and offers to throw it at another; or having a hatchet or ax in his hand, offers to strike another therewith; this is not an offence within these words: for these are not such weapons as may properly be said to be drawn, as a sword or dagger. *Watf. c. 34.*

To the intent to strike another] *E. 33 Eliz. Penhallo's case.* He was indicted upon this statute, for drawing his dagger in the church of B. against J. S. and it was not said, to the intent to strike him; and for this cause the indictment was adjudged void. *Cro. Eliz. 231.*

In the year 1415, which was before this statute, the wives of lord Strange and Sir John Trussel, contending for precedency of place in the church of St Dunstan in the east in London, their husbands thereupon, with all their retinue, engaged in the quarrel, and within the body of the church some were killed and many wounded. For which profane riot, several of the delinquents were committed, and the church suspended from the celebration of any divine office. By process in the court christian, the lord Strange and his lady were adjudged to be the criminal parties, and had this solemn penance imposed upon them by that exemplary prelate archbishop Chicheley: the lord Strange walked bare headed with a wax taper lighted in his hand, and his lady barefooted, from the church of St Paul to that of St Dunstan; which being rehallowed, the lady with her own hands filled all the church vessels with water, and offered to the altar an ornament of the value of 10 l, and the lord a piece of silver to the value of 5 l. *Ken. Par. Ant. 560.*

Robbing of
churches.

10. If a man do break and enter a church in the night, of intent to steal; this is burglary; for the church is the mansion house of Almighty God. 3 *Inst.* 64.

And here, note a diversity between a spiritual man of the church consecrated to the service of God, and goods dedicated to divine service, or merely ecclesiastical: for laying of violent hands upon a person in holy orders, the ecclesiastical court hath consufance; but for the violent taking away, or consuming of the ornaments of the church, or goods dedicated to divine service, that court (lord *Coke* says) hath no consufance, for that it is not given to them; as for taking away of the bible, the book of common prayer, the chalice, and the like; or for the taking away of an image out of the church; but remedy must be taken for these at the common law. 2 *Inst.* 492.

But Dr *Watson* says, a libel may be also in the spiritual court against the offender, pro salute animæ et reformatione morum; altho' not to recover damages. *Wats.* c. 39.

But this must be understood where the offence doth not amount to felony; for in that case, the spiritual court hath no jurisdiction. *Exam. of the scheme of ch. power*, 90.

In the lent affizes holden at Leicester, 11 & 12 *J.* the case was, one *William Haines* had digged up the several graves of three men and one woman in the night, and had taken their winding sheets from their bodies, and buried them again; and it was resolved by the justices at serjeants inn in fleet street, that the property of the sheets remained the owner's, that is, in him who had property therein, when the dead body was wrapped up therewith, for the dead body is not capable of it; and that the taking thereof was felony. 12 *Co.* 113.

By the act of general pardon of the 20 *G.* 2. c. 52. all burglaries and robberies of churches, and stealing any plate, utensils, or goods belonging to the same, are excepted out of the said pardon.

Sanctuary.

11. Anciently the church and churchyard was a sanctuary, and the foundation of abjuration; for whoever was not capable of this sanctuary, could not have the benefit of abjuration: and therefore he that committed sacrilege, because he could not have the privilege of sanctuary, could not abjure. This abjuration was, when a person had committed felony, and for safeguard of his life had fled to the sanctuary of a church or churchyard, and there before the coroner of that place within forty days had confessed the felony, and took an oath for his perpetual banishment out

out of the realm into a foreign country, chusing rather to lose his country than his life: But the foreign country into which he was to be exiled, might not be amongst infidels. 3 *Inst.* 115.

But by the act of the 21 *Ja.* c. 28. s. 7. it is enacted, that no sanctuary, or privilege of sanctuary, shall be admitted or allowed in any case. By which act, such abjuration as was at the common law, founded (as hath been said) upon the privilege of sanctuary, is wholly taken away: But the abjuration by force of the statutes of the 35 *El.* c. 1. and 35 *El.* c. 2. in the case of recusants, remaineth still; because such abjuration hath no dependency upon any sanctuary. 3 *Inst.* 115, 116.

And the law was so favourable for the preservation of sanctuary, that if the felon had been in prison for the felony, and before attainder or conviction had escaped, and taken sanctuary in the church or churchyard, and the gaolers or others had pursued him, and brought him back again to prison; upon his arraignment he might have pleaded the same, and should have been restored again to the sanctuary. 3 *Inst.* 217.

XI. Church way.

The right to a church way may be claimed and maintained by libel in the spiritual court. This is supposed in the several reports upon this head, by the mention of particular circumstances, without which prohibitions would not have laid. *Ayl. Par.* 438. *Gibf.* 293.

A church way may commonly be claimed as a private way; and upon suggestion that it is a highway, a prohibition will be granted; so if the suggestion prove true, the right is triable at common law. *Gibf.* 293. 2 *Roll's Abr.* 287. *Ayl. Par.* 438.

Prescription for a church way may be pleaded by any inhabitant in the spiritual court. This was done in the 16 *Ja.* but upon suggestion that it had been enjoyed by permission only, and not as of right, a prohibition was granted: as it was also in a case which Rolle mentions in the same year; when the churchwardens of *Bitborne* and *Bruce* sued for a church way as appertaining to all the parishioners by prescription. *Gibf.* 293.

Which case mentioned by Rolle is thus: If the churchwardens of a church sue for a way to a church, that they claim to belong to all the parishioners by prescription; a prohibition

prohibition shall be granted: for this is temporal. 2 *Roll's Abr.* 287.

Churching of women. See *Child-birth*.

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Ecclesiastical
constitution.

THE ecclesiastical state of England, as it standeth at this day, is divided into two provinces or archbishopricks, of Canterbury and York. The archbishop of Canterbury is stiled metropolitan and primate of all England, and the archbishop of York primate of England. Each archbishop hath within his province bishops of several dioceses. The archbishop of Canterbury hath under him within his province, of ancient foundations, Rochester his principal chaplain, London his dean, Winchester his chancellor, Norwich, Lincoln, Ely, Chichester, Salisbury, Exeter, Bath and Wells, Worcester, Coventry and Litchfield, Hereford, Llandaffe, St. David's, Bangor, and St. Asaph; and four founded by king Henry the eighth, erected out of the ruins of dissolved monasteries, Gloucester, Bristol, Peterborough, and Oxford. The archbishop of York hath under him four; the bishop of the county palatine of Chester newly erected by king Henry the eighth and annexed by him to the archbishoprick of York, the county palatine of Durham, Carlisle, and the isle of Man annexed to the province of York by king Henry the eighth: But a greater number this archbishop anciently had, which time hath taken from him. And every archbishop and bishop hath his dean and chapter. The archbishop of Canterbury hath the precedence, next to him the archbishop of York, next to him the bishop of London, [next to him the bishop of Durham,] and next to him the bishop of Winchester; and then all other bishops of both provinces after their ancientness. Every diocese is divided into archdeaconries; and every archdeaconry is parted into deanries; and deanries again into parishes, towns, and hamlets. 1 *Inst.* 94.

King to be of
the church of
England.

His oath to
maintain it.

2. Whoever shall come to the possession of the crown of England, shall join in communion with the church of England, as by law established. 12 & 13 *W. c. 2. s. 3.*
3. By the 1 *W. c. 6.* Oath shall be administered to every king or queen, who shall succeed to the imperial crown

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crown of this realm, at their coronation, to be administered by one of the archbishops or bishops, to be thereunto appointed, by such king or queen; that they will to the utmost of their power maintain the laws of God, the true profession of the gospel and protestant reformed religion established by law; and will preserve unto the bishops and clergy of this realm, and to the churches committed to their charge, all such rights and privileges as by law do or shall appertain unto them, or any of them.

And by the 5 *An. c. 5.* The king at his coronation shall take and subscribe an oath to maintain and preserve inviolably the settlement of the church of England, and the doctrine, worship, discipline, and government thereof, as by law established. *f. 2.*

4. By *Can. 3.* Whoever shall affirm, that the church of England by law established is not a true and apostolical church, teaching and maintaining the doctrine of the apostles; let him be excommunicated ipso facto, and not restored but only by the archbishop after his repentance and publick revocation of this his wicked error.

Penalty of derogating from it.

And by *Can. 7.* Whoever shall affirm, that the government of the church of England under his majesty, by archbishops, bishops, deans, archdeacons, and the rest that bear office in the same, is antichristian, or repugnant to the word of God; let him be excommunicated ipso facto, and so continue until he repent, and publickly revoke such his wicked errors.

And moreover; seditious words, in derogation of the established religion, are indictable, as tending to a breach of the peace: as where a person said, "Your religion is a new religion, preaching is but prating, and prayer once a day is more edifying." *1 Haw. 7.*

Church-scot.

THE church-scot, *cyrre-sceat*, was an oblation for the first fruits of corn, payable at martinmas. *1 Still. 176.*

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AND herein also of *questmen*, *sidemen*, or *assistants*. Note, the office of churchwardens, so far as it relates to the repairs or other matters concerning the church, is treated of under the title *Church*; their cognizance of crimes and offences, falleth in under the title *Visitacion*; and other branches of their duty, under divers other titles respectively: here it is treated only concerning their office in general, or such other particulars as do not fall in more properly elsewhere.

Original.

1. In the ancient episcopal *synods*, the bishops were wont to summon divers creditable persons out of every parish, to give information of, and to *attest* the disorders of clergy and people. These were called *testes synodales*; and were in after times a kind of impanneled jury, consisting of two three or more persons in every parish, who were upon oath to present all hereticks and other irregular persons. *Ken. Par. Ant.* 649.

And these in process of time became standing officers in several places, especially in great cities, and from hence were called *synods-men*, and by corruption *sidemen*: they are also sometimes called *questmen*, from the nature of their office, in making *inquiry* concerning offences.

And these *sidemen* or *questmen*, by *Can.* 90. are to be chosen yearly in easter week, by the minister and parishioners (if they can agree), otherwise to be appointed by the ordinary of the diocese.

But for the most part this whole office is now devolved upon the churchwardens, together with that other office which their name more properly importeth, of taking care of the church and of the goods thereof, which they had of very ancient time.

Who are exempted from being churchwardens.

2. All *peers* of the realm, by reason of their dignity, are exempted from the office of churchwarden. *Gibf.* 215.

So are all *clergymen*, by reason of their order. *Id.*

In like manner all *parliament men*, by reason of their privilege. *Id.*

If an *attorney* of the king's bench be made a churchwarden of the parish, he shall have a writ of privilege out of the king's bench, shewing his privilege to be discharged thereof, by reason of his attendance in the said court. *E. 14 C. Felix Wilson*, being an attorney of the king's bench,

bench, was made churchwarden of Hanwell, and he refused, and was sued in the spiritual court to take upon him the office; and a prohibition was granted. So in like manner, *T. 15 C.* Mr *Barker* being chosen churchwarden of Aldermanbury in London, such writ was granted. *2 Roll's Abr. 272.*

M. 21 Ja. *Stampe, clerk of the king's bench*, was chosen churchwarden of Kingston, and had a writ of privilege to the spiritual court, requiring them not to compel him to take the oath; which writ being disobeyed, he had a prohibition. *1 Roll. 368.*

By the *6 W. c. 4.* Every person that shall use and exercise the art of an *apothecary* within the city of London and seven miles thereof, being free of the company of apothecaries, and who shall be duly examined of his skill in the said mystery and shall be approved for the same; shall, for so long as he shall use and exercise the said art, and no longer, be freed and exempted from all parish offices: and if he shall be chosen and elected into any such office, or be disquieted or disturbed by reason thereof; he shall, on producing a testimonial under the common seal of the said corporation, of such his examination approbation and freedom, to the person by whom he shall be so elected or appointed, or by or before whom he shall be summoned returned or required to serve or hold any such office, be absolutely discharged from the same, and such nomination election return and appointment shall be void and of none effect. And all persons that shall use and exercise the said art of an apothecary within any other part of the realm, and have been brought up and served in the said art as apprentices for seven years according to the statute of the *5 El. c. 4.* shall be freed and exempted from all such offices within the several places where they live, so long as they shall use and exercise the said art, and no longer; and if any person so qualified shall be elected or chosen into any such office, such nomination election return and appointment shall be void, unless he shall voluntarily consent and agree to hold the same. *f. 2, 3.*

By the *1 W. c. 18.* commonly called the act of toleration, if any person *dissenting from the church of England*, shall be chosen or otherwise appointed to bear the office of churchwarden, or any other parochial office, and such person shall scruple to take upon him such office in regard of the oaths or any other matter or thing required by the law to be taken or done in respect of such office;

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he shall and may execute the same by a sufficient deputy by him to be provided; that shall comply with the laws in that behalf: provided, that the said deputy be allowed and approved by such persons and in such manner as such officer should by law have been allowed and approved. And every teacher or preacher in holy orders or pretended holy orders, that is a minister preacher or teacher of a congregation, and duly qualified by the said act, shall be exempted from being chosen or appointed to bear the office of churchwarden, or any other parochial office. s. 7, 11.

By the 10 & 11 W. c. 23. All persons who have prosecuted a felon to conviction, and the first assignee of the certificate thereof, are exempted from the office of churchwarden, in the parish where the offence was committed. s. 2.

No person living out of the parish, although he occupies lands within the parish, may be chosen churchwarden; because he cannot take notice of absences from church, nor disorders in it, for the due presenting of them. *Gibf.* 215.

Choosing churchwardens.

3. By *Can.* 118. The churchwardens and sidemen shall be chosen the first week after easter, or some week following, according to the direction of the ordinary.

And by *Can.* 89. *All churchwardens or questmen in every parish, shall be chosen by the joint consent of the minister and the parishioners, if it may be; but if they cannot agree upon such a choice, then the minister shall chuse one, and the parishioners another: and without such a joint or several choice, none shall take upon them to be churchwardens.*

The books of common law interpret this with a limitation; namely, if a custom hath not been for the parishioners to chuse both. In which case when two have been chosen by the parish, on pretence of custom, and one by the incumbent on the foot of this canon, and the ecclesiastical judge hath refused to admit the swearing more than one of those who have been chosen by the parish, upon surmise of such custom; mandamus's have been frequently granted by the temporal courts to swear the person so elected by the parish: and also prohibitions have gone, in cases where the spiritual court hath attempted to try or overrule the custom, or otherwise to do any thing to the prejudice of that title. Upon which occasion it hath been said, that churchwardens are lay incorporations and temporal officers; and that of common right every parish ought to chuse their own churchwardens, which right is not

not to be overthrown but by proof of a contrary custom; and that altho' one is sworn, a writ may go to swear another in the same place, to the end both parties may be made capable to try the right. *Gibf.* 215.

For, by *Coke* chief justice; a convocation hath power to make constitutions for ecclesiastical things or persons, but they ought to be according to the law and custom of the realm: and they cannot make churchwardens that were eligible to be donative, without act of parliament. And the canon is to be intended, where the parson had nomination of a churchwarden before the making of the canon. *God.* 162.

T. 7 Car. A prohibition was granted against the churchwarden chosen by the parson of *St Magnus* nigh London bridge, by force of the canon; upon a surmise, that the parish hath a custom to chuse both churchwardens. 2 *Roll's Abr.* 287.

And, by *Holt* chief justice; In London, generally, both the churchwardens are appointed by the parish. *L. Raym.* 138.

E. 17 Ja. Warner's case. Warner, one of the churchwardens of All-Hallows in London, prayed a prohibition; for that, whereas by the custom of the said parish, the parishioners used every year to elect one of the parish, who had born the office of scavenger, sidesman, or constable, to be churchwarden; and that every year one who had been so elected churchwarden, was to continue a year longer, and to be the upper churchwarden, and another was to be chosen to him, who is called the under churchwarden, that such a choice being made in that parish of the said Warner to be churchwarden, the parson notwithstanding that election nominated one Carter to be churchwarden, and procured him to be sworn in the ecclesiastical court, and denied the said Warner to be churchwarden according to the election of the parishioners; and this by colour of the late canon, that the parson should have the election of one of the churchwardens: and this being against the custom, a prohibition was prayed, and a precedent shewn in the common bench, *E. 5 Ja.* for the parishioners of *Walbrook* in London, where such a prohibition was granted; for it being a special custom, the canons cannot alter it, especially in London, where the parson and churchwardens are a corporation to purchase and demise their lands; and if every parson might have election of one churchwarden, without the assent of the parishioners, they might be much prejudiced thereby. *Gro. Ja.* 532.

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But altho' the greatest part of the parishes in London chuse both the churchwardens by custom; yet in all the new erected parishes the canon shall take place (unless the act of parliament, in virtue of which any church was erected, shall have specially provided that the parishioners shall chuse both); inasmuch as no *custom* can be pleaded in such new parishes. *Gibf. 215.*

H. 5 G. Catten and Barwick. At a court of delegates. The custom was, for the parson to appoint one, and the two old churchwardens the other: but it went no further. In this case the two churchwardens could not agree, so the one presents Berwick, and the parishioners at large chuse Catten. It was insisted for Berwick, that his case was like that of coparceners, where if they disagree, the ordinary may admit the presentee of which he will, except the eldest alone presents. On the other side it was said, that the cases widely differed; for in the case of a presentation the ordinary hath a power to refuse, but he hath not so in the case of churchwardens, for they are a corporation at common law, and more temporal than spiritual officers. And a case was cited to have been adjudged in the king's bench, where to a mandamus to swear in a churchwarden, the ordinary returned that he was a very unfit person; but a peremptory mandamus was granted, because the ordinary was not a judge in that case. And the court held, that by this disagreement the custom was laid out of the case; and then they must resort to the canon: under which, Catten being duly elected, they decreed for him, with 60*l.* costs. *Sir. 145.*

In some places, the lord of the manor prescribeth for the appointment of churchwardens: and this shall not be tried in the ecclesiastical court, altho' it be a prescription of what appertains to a spiritual thing. *God. 153.*

E. 3 G. Stutter and Freston. In the common pleas: Prohibition was granted to the spiritual court, where it was libelled against the defendant, for not appearing to take upon him the office of churchwarden, tho' thereunto appointed by the ordinary. And it was held, that altho' the parishioners and parson neglect for ever so long to chuse churchwardens, yet the ordinary hath no jurisdiction; for churchwardens were a corporation at common law, and they are different from questmen who were the creatures of the reformation, and came in by the canon law. The canons say, that churchwardens shall be chosen by the parson and parishioners, and if they disagree, then one

one by the parson and the other by the parishioners; and otherwise they shall not be. By the court; the proper way is, to take a mandamus out of the king's bench. *Str.* 52.

4. Any person elected to be churchwarden, and refusing to take the oath according to law, may be excommunicated for such refusal; and no prohibition will lie. *Gibf.* 216.

M. 3 *G.* *Castle and Richardson.* Libel in the ecclesiastical court, for not taking upon him the office of chapelwarden. The defendant pleads, that it is a donative; and thereupon moved for a prohibition. And upon debate, the same was denied; the whole court being of opinion, that tho' there was a difference as to the incumbent, yet as to the parish officers there was none; for they are the officers of the parish, and not of the patron of the donative. *Str.* 715.

5. Boniface. *We do decree; that laymen, when inquiry shall be made by the prelates and judges ecclesiastical, for correcting the sins and excesses of such as are within their jurisdiction, shall be compelled (if need be) by sentence of excommunication, to take an oath to speak the truth.* *Lind.* 109.

That ordinaries were impowered by the laws of the church, to require an oath of the *testes synodales*, appears, not only from this constitution, but also from the body of the canon law. And the same practice of administering an oath, appears in the ecclesiastical records of our own church; where it is often entred, that the presenters were charged upon their consciences, to discover whatever they knew to want amendment in things and persons; and in process of time, articles of inquiry were delivered to them, upon which to ground their presentments. *Gibf.* 960.

But as contests grew between the two jurisdictions, ecclesiastical and temporal; this was charged upon the ordinaries and other ecclesiastical judges as an incroachment, that they inserted divers things in their articles of visitation, which were not of spiritual cognizance; and that by requiring an oath from the churchwardens to present according to those articles, they did in consequence require them to take an oath, which by law they could not and ought not to perform. Upon this foundation, prohibitions were applied for and obtained, for removing these matters from the spiritual to the temporal courts. Until at length, the contests of this kind multiplying, and causing great and frequent troubles both to the spiritual

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and temporal courts; an oath of a more general form was agreed on by the civilians and common lawyers, by which the churchwardens bound themselves instead of presenting such things as were contained in the book of articles, to present such things as to their knowledge were presentable by the laws ecclesiastical of this realm. *Gibf.* 960.

Which oath of the churchwardens is this: "You shall swear, truly and faithfully to execute the office of a churchwarden within your parish, and according to the best of your skill and knowledge present such things and persons, as to your knowledge are presentable by the laws ecclesiastical of this realm: So help you God, and the contents of this book". *Gibf.* 216.

And the sidesman's oath, agreed upon in like manner by the civilians and common lawyers, is as follows: "You shall swear, that you will be assistant to the churchwardens, in the execution of their office, so far as by law you are bound: So help you God." *Gibf.* 216.

Which said oath of the churchwardens, being thus modelled, was allowed and confirmed two several times in the court of king's bench; once in the 25th, and again in the 29th of king Charles the second: before both which judgments, it had been expressly declared in the same court, that tho' some things might be inserted in the articles of visitation, which were not properly of ecclesiastical cognizance; yet if the oath was conceived and tendred in those general terms, the churchwardens could not legally refuse it: inasmuch as the articles were offered only by way of direction and charge; and by the tenor of the oath, the ecclesiastical laws and not the articles, were now become the legal rule and measure of their duty. *Gibf.* 961.

Refusing to administer the oath.

6. If the party elected offer himself, and the ecclesiastical judge refuse to tender the oath to him; a mandamus from the temporal court will be granted. *Gibf.* 216.

H. 8 & 9 W. K. and Martin Rice. A mandamus was directed to the archdeacon of St. Asaph, to swear and admit a person duly elected by the parish, according to the custom, to be churchwarden. To which it was returned, that he was a person unfit, being a poor dairyman, and the like. And the question was, whether the archdeacon can refuse to swear and admit the churchwarden so elected, for any cause whatsoever. And it was resolved, that he hath no such power: for the churchwarden is an officer of the parish; and his misbehaviour will prejudice them, and not the archdeacon; for he hath not only the custody,

custody, but also the property, of the goods belonging to the church, and may maintain actions for them; and for that reason it is an office merely temporal, and the archdeacon is only a ministerial officer. And therefore a peremptory mandamus was granted. *L. Raym.* 138.

Which same case, as it seemeth, is reported by *Salkeld*. under the name of *Morgan* and the archdeacon of *Cardigan*, as followeth: Mandamus to the archdeacon, to swear a churchwarden, being duly elected. The archdeacon made this return, that he was a poor dairyman, and a servant, and unable and unfit to execute the office. And thereupon a peremptory mandamus was awarded: for the churchwarden is a temporal officer; he hath the property and custody of the parish goods; and as it is at the peril of the parishioners, so they may chuse and trust whom they think fit; and the archdeacon hath no power to elect, or controll their election. *1 Salk.* 166.

M. 11 G. K. and Simpson. Mandamus to the archdeacon of Colchester, to swear Rodney Fane into the office of churchwarden. He returns, that before the coming of the writ, he received an inhibition from the bishop of London, with a signification that he had taken upon himself to act in the premisses. But by the court, The return is ill. It doth not appear, that the town of Colchester is within the diocese of the bishop who inhibits; besides, the archdeacon is but a ministerial officer, and is obliged to do the act, whether it be of any validity or not. And a peremptory mandamus was granted. *Str.* 610.

M. 11 G. K. and White. To a mandamus directed to the archdeacon to swear a churchwarden; he returned, that he was not elected. Upon opening which, Mr. justice Fortescue said, that it was settled, and had been often ruled, that the archdeacon could not judge of the election; and therefore this return was ill: Whereupon a peremptory mandamus was granted. But note (saith Lord Raymond) it was certainly wrong; for the return was a good return, and hath often been made to such mandamus, and actions brought upon the return and tried. *L. Raym.* 1379.

T. 11 G. K. and Harwood. To a mandamus directed to the defendant Dr Harwood, as commissary of the dean and chapter of St Paul's, commanding him to swear William Folbigg one of the churchwardens of the parish of St Giles, Cripplegate, London; the defendant returned, that he was not elected. And it was insisted on the behalf of Folbigg, that the return was ill: that the arch-

deacon, who was only to obey the writ, could not judge of the election: and therefore upon such a return to such a writ, a peremptory mandamus was granted last Michaelmas term, in the case of the king against White. That the archdeacon could not judge of the *qualities* of a person chosen by the parish, was cited *H. 8 W. K. and Rice*. But Raymond chief justice, and Reynolds justice, held the return to be good. But upon the importunity of the counsel for Folbigg, and pressing the authority of that case of the king against White, and no counsel for the defendant appearing, a rule was made for a peremptory mandamus unless cause shewed. And at another day, the counsel for the defendant coming to shew cause against the rule, it was discharged. But the court not being unanimous, it was ordered to come on again in the paper. But Lord Raymond (who reporteth this case) saith, he never heard that it was stirred again. But there can be no doubt (he says) but such return is good. *L. Raym. 1405.*

And the proper distinction, as to this point, seemeth to be taken in the case of *Q. and Twitty, M. 1 An.* Mandamus to swear a churchwarden, suggesting that he was *duly elected*. The return was, that he was *not duly elected*. It was objected, that this was not a good return. But by Holt chief justice: Where the writ is, to swear one *duly elected*, there a return that he was *not duly elected*, is a good return, for it is an answer to the writ; but where it is to swear one *chosen* churchwarden, there a return that he is *not duly chosen* is naught, because it is out of the writ and evasive. *2 Salk. 433.*

H. 19 G. 2. Hubbard and Sir Henry Penrice. To a mandamus to swear the plaintiff churchwarden of Heston in Middlesex, the defendant returned, that he was not duly elected. And in the course of the trial, the question was, where the common right of chusing churchwardens rests. The plaintiff insisted, it was in the parishioners at large as to both the churchwardens, and would therefore have left it upon the defendant, to shew a custom or right in the parson to name one. The defendant on the contrary insisted, that of common right it was in the parson and parishioners, and therefore it lay upon the plaintiff to prove a custom in the parishioners to chuse both. And of this opinion was Lee chief justice, and that tho' there are some dictums to the contrary, yet they had never been regarded. The plaintiff therefore went on to prove a custom to chuse both by the parishioners, but failed in
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it; it appearing, that tho' the parson had generally left it to the parishioners, yet he had sometimes interfered. Lee chief justice likewise held, that a curate stood in the place of the parson, for the purpose of nominating one churchwarden. *Str.* 1246.

T. 3 G. 2. K. and Dr. Harris. A mandamus was directed to Dr. Harris, commissary of the consistorial and episcopal court of the bishop of Winchester for the parts of Surrey, to admit and swear Henry Griffith and Thomas Garner churchwardens of the parish of St. Olave Southwark. And a like mandamus was also directed to him to admit and swear another set of churchwardens into the same office. Dr. Harris returns, that a cause was depending before him, in which it was disputed, which of the two sets of churchwardens had been duly elected; and till that is determined, he cannot admit either one set or the other. — By lord Mansfield and the court: The return is bad; the commissary cannot try the right. He ought to obey both writs, and it is of no prejudice to either party. — It was proposed by the court, and consented to by the parties, to try the right on a feigned issue; and the execution of the peremptory mandamus to be suspended till after the trial, and then the peremptory mandamus to go to swear in those that shall prevail upon the trial. *Bur. Mansf.* 1420.

7. The churchwardens are so far incorporated by law, as to sue for the goods of the church, and to bring an action of trespass for them; and also to purchase goods for the use of the parish; but they are not a corporation in such sort as to purchase lands, or to take by grant; except in London, where they are a corporation for those purposes also. *Gibf.* 215.

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a corporation.

And therefore, if any one give land to the parish, for the use of the church, it must not be to the churchwardens and their successors, but it should be to trustees in trust to the use intended; which must from time to time be renewed, as the trustees die away. *Gibf.* 215.

And altho' the churchwardens may have their action for the goods of the parish, yet they cannot dispose of them without the consent of the parish; and a gift of such goods by them without the consent of the sidesmen or vestry, is void. *Watf. c. 39. 1 Roll's Abr.* 393.

Upon the like foundation, where an obligation is made to them and their successors, and they die; their executors shall have action, and not their successors. *Vin. Tit.* Churchwardens. D.

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Presentments.

8. The persons who are to make presentments are now chiefly the churchwardens; which is not according to the rule of the ancient canon law, nor according to the practice of the church of England before the reformation; churchwardens being by their original office, only to take care of the goods, repairs, and ornaments of the church; for which purposes, and no other, they have been reputed a body corporate for many hundred years; but the business of presenting was devolved upon them, by canons and constitutions of a more modern date. *Gibf. on Visitat.*

59. The ancient method was, not only for the clergy, but the body of the people within such a district, to appear at synods, or (as we now call them) general visitations; (for what we now call visitations were really the annual synods, the laws of the church by *visitations* always meaning visitations parochial:) and the way was, to select a certain number, at the discretion of the ordinary, to give information upon oath concerning the manners of the people within the district; which persons, the rule of the canon law upon this head supposes to have been selected, while the synod was sitting: But afterwards, when the body of the people began to be excused from attendance, it was directed in the citation, that four six or eight according to the proportion of the district, should appear together with the clergy, to represent the rest, and to be the *vestes synodales*, as the canon law elsewhere styles them. But all this while, we find nothing of churchwardens presenting, till a little before the reformation; when we find the churchwardens began to present, either by themselves, or with two three or more credible parishioners joined with them: and this (as was before observed) seemeth evidently to be the original of that office, which our canons call the office of sickmen or assistants. *Id.* 59, 60, 61.

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9. Every churchwarden is also an *overseer of the poor*; by the statute of the 43 *El. c. 2.*

The churchwardens, or the constable, shall levy the penalty, for keeping an unlicensed *alehouse*; by the 3 *C.*

3. They shall receive the penalties, for hawking *spirituous liquors*; by the 9 *G. 2. c. 23.*

They (or the overseers of the poor) shall levy the penalty, for selling *corn* by a wrong measure; by the 22 *C. 2. c. 8.*

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They, and the overseers of the poor, shall distribute amongst the poor, foreign *cattle* imported, forfeited, and killed; by the 32 *G. 2. c. 2.*

They, or the overseers of the poor, shall levy the penalties relating to *weights* and *measures*; by the 16 *C. c. 19.* and 22 *C. 2. c. 8.*

They shall carry *hawkers* and *pedlars* trading without licence, before a justice of the peace; by the 9 & 10 *W. c. 27.*

They, or the overseers of the poor, shall pay to the high constables the general *county rate*, out of their money collected for the poor; by the 12 *G. 2. c. 29.*

They shall receive the penalties for *servants carelessly firing houses*; by the 6 *An. c. 31.*

They shall receive the penalties for *tracing hares in the snow*, and other *game* penalties; by the respective *game acts.*

They shall join with the constable and surveyor of the highways, in chusing and returning new *surveyors*; by the 13 *G. 3. c. 78.*

10. The release of one churchwarden is in no case a bar to the action of the other; for what they have, is to the use of the parish. One churchwarden cannot release.

T. 7 Ja. Starkey and Berton. In prohibition: The case was; two churchwardens sue in the spiritual court, for a levy towards the reparation of their church, and had a sentence to recover, and costs assessed; the one releaseth, and the other sues for the costs, and there this release was pleaded, and disallowed. Whereupon he prays a prohibition; and all this matter was disclosed in the prohibition; and the defendant thereupon demurred in law. And now it was moved, that this release by the one, being in the personalty, should discharge the intire. But it was resolved by all the court to the contrary; for churchwardens have nothing but to the use of their parish, and therefore the corporation consists in the churchwardens; and the one solely cannot release, nor give away the goods of the church; and the costs are in the same nature, which the one without the other cannot discharge. And of that opinion was all the court of king's bench. Wherefore it was adjudged for the defendant. *Cro. Ja. 234.*

11. By *Can. 89.* The churchwardens or questmen shall not continue any longer than one year in that office; except perhaps they be chosen again in like manner. How long they shall continue in office.

For altho' in some places, there is but one new churchwarden yearly elected, (he who was junior churchwarden before,

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before, being continued of course;) yet in that case the books of common law, as well as the canon, suppose a new election to be made of both. *Gibf.* 215.

But by *Can.* 118. The office of all churchwardens and sidesmen, shall be reputed to continue, until the new churchwardens that shall succeed them be sworn.

And altho' a parish prescribe to chuse two churchwardens, and that the persons so chosen shall continue in that office for two years; yet the parish may, notwithstanding the prescription, remove such churchwardens at their pleasure, and chuse new ones: for, as it is said, the parish might suffer great loss, if the churchwardens should continue so long in their office contrary to their will; for in that time they might waste all the parish goods belonging to the church. *Watf. c.* 39.

Account.

12. *Can.* 89. All churchwardens at the end of their year, or within a month after at the most, shall before the minister and the parishioners, give up a just account of such money as they have received, and also what particularly they have bestowed in reparations, and otherwise for the use of the church. And last of all, going out of their office, they shall truly deliver up to the parishioners whatsoever money or other things, of right belonging to the church or parish, which remaineth in their hands; that it may be delivered over by them, to the next churchwardens, by bill indented.

A just account] If the custom of the parish is, for a certain number of persons to have the government thereof, and the account is given up to them; the custom is good in law, and the account given to them is a good account. *Gibf.* 216.

By bill indented] Lindwood, speaking of the inventory of the goods of the church, to be delivered in writing to the archdeacon, says, "it were good that these writings should be indented, so that one part might remain with the archdeacon, and the other with the parishioners:" from whence this branch of the present canon seemeth to have been taken. *Gibf.* 216.

M. 3 W. Styrrap and Stoakes. If money be disbursed by churchwardens for repairing the church, or any thing else merely ecclesiastical; the spiritual courts shall allow their accounts: But if there be any thing else that is an agreement between the parishioners; the succeeding churchwardens may have an action of account at law, and the spiritual court in such case hath not jurisdiction. *12 Mod.* 9.

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13. If a churchwarden in any case is maliciously sued in the spiritual court for not making up his account, and is excommunicated, when in fact it hath been duly made; he may have a prohibition: and also an action upon the case will lie. *Gibf. 216. Bunb. 247.*

M. 4 G. 2. Snowden and Herring. Where churchwardens have passed their accounts at a vestry, the spiritual court shall not afterwards proceed against them to account upon oath. *Bunb. 289.*

E. 7 G. 2. Wainwright and Bagshaw. The churchwardens were cited into the court of Litchfield to account: They pleaded, that they had accounted at the vestry, according to law; which was rejected; and a prohibition was granted. For the ordinary is not to take the account; he can only give a judgment that they do account; and to what purpose should they be sent back to those, who have taken their account already? *Str. 974.*

T. 13 G. 2. Adams and Rush. By the court; The spiritual court hath no jurisdiction to settle the churchwardens accounts. And a prohibition was granted, after sentence allowing the accounts, and an appeal to the arches. *Str. 1133.*

And if the churchwardens have laid out the parish money imprudently and improvidently; yet if it be truly and honestly laid out, they must be reimbursed again: and the parishioners can have no remedy herein, unless some fraud or deceit be proved against them; because the parish have made them their trustees. But if they be going on in an expensive way, the parishioners may complain to the ordinary, in order to give a check to them, or to procure (Dr Gibson says) a removal of them from their office. *Gibf. 196.*

14 *M. 3 G. 2. Dent against Prudence and Bond.* Before the delegates. Adjudged, that the churchwardens Prudence and Bond could not cite the defendant Dent into the spiritual court, for non-payment of his church rate, after their year was expired; for they can only sue in their politick capacity, and cannot institute any suit after that capacity is gone. It was agreed, that if the suit had been begun within their year, they might have proceeded in it after their year was out, this being of necessity to prevent people from delays in order to wear out the year; but in regard this suit was not commenced till the year was out, and no precedents were shewn to warrant this suit, the defendant Dent was dismissed. *Str. 852. 1 Bac. Abr. 376.*

Cannot bring actions, after their office is expired.

But their successors must do it.

15. If the churchwardens for the time being, neglect to bring an action for any of the goods of the church taken away; their successors may bring trespass for them, in respect of their office: but then the new churchwardens must say, to the damage of the parishioners, and not of themselves; tho' the old churchwardens, in whose time the goods were taken away, might say either. *Watsf. c. 39.*

And if any of the goods of the church are detained, or not delivered by the predecessor; the successor hath an action against him also. *Gibbs. 216.*

Yet they may be relieved in equity.

16. *E. 13 An. Nicholson and Masters.* On a bill in chancery against ninety parishioners, by the executrix of one of the churchwardens of *Woodford*, to be reimbursed money laid out by the testator as churchwarden, for rebuilding the steeple of the church; it was objected, that this matter was proper for the ecclesiastical court, and not for this court. But by Harcourt chancellor, the plaintiff is proper for relief in this court, and there are many precedents of the like nature. And it was decreed, that the parishioners should reimburse the plaintiff the money laid out by her testator, with costs of this suit: and that the money should be raised by a parish rate. *Vin. Tit. Churchwardens. C.*

T. 1718. Radnor parish in Wales. The churchwardens, as being a corporation for the goods of the parish, commenced a suit, with the consent and by order of the parish, concerning a charity for the poor: In which suit they miscarried. And then they brought a bill against the subsequent churchwardens, to be repaid the costs by them expended; and had a decree for it. It was proved, that from time to time the parish was made acquainted with what they did; and tho' there was no vestry by prescription, yet a vestry book, kept for the parish acts, was allowed as evidence of their consent. They are the trustees of the parish; and the parishioners ought to contribute, and not lay the burden upon these poor people the churchwardens. And the annual successive churchwardens need not to be made parties, as they are renewed. By the master of the rolls. *Vin. Tit. Churchwardens. C.*

But it is said, the spiritual court hath no power to order a rate to reimburse the preceding churchwardens, and a prohibition was granted after sentence; in the case of *Dawson and Wilkinson*, *T. 10 & 11 G. 2.* because upon the face of the order it appeared the ecclesiastical court had no jurisdiction: And by the whole court of king's bench

bench unanimously, There cannot be a rate made to reimburse the churchwardens; because they are not obliged to lay any money out of their own pockets. *Cases in the time of lord Hardwicke*, 381.

17. If an action be brought against any churchwardens, or persons called sworn men, executing the office of churchwarden, for any thing done by virtue of their office; they may plead the general issue, and give the special matter in evidence: and if a verdict is given for them, or the plaintiff shall be nonsuit, or discontinue; they shall have double costs. 7 J. c. 5. 21 J. c. 12.

Their protection by the law in the due execution of their office.

M. 8 Car. Kerchevall against *Smith* and others. Action upon the case was brought against them; because that they being churchwardens, presented the plaintiff falsely and maliciously, upon a pretended fame of incontinency. Upon not guilty, it was found for the defendants, and moved, that they might have double costs, because they were troubled and vexed for matter which did concern their office. But it was resolved, it was not within the statute; for it is merely ecclesiastical; and the statute was never intended, but where they shall be vexed concerning temporal matters which they do by virtue of their office, and not for presentments concerning matters of fame. *Cro. Car.* 285.

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Cistercians. See Monasteries.

Citation.

1. **A** Citation is a judicial act, whereby the defendant, by authority of the judge (the plaintiff requesting it) is commanded to appear, in order to enter into suit, at a certain day, in a place where justice is administered. *Conset.* 26.

Citation; what.

2. The citation ought to contain, 1. The name of the judge, and his commission, if he be delegated: if he is an ordinary judge, then the style of the court where he is judge. 2. The name of him who is to be cited. 3. An appointed day and place where he must appear; which day ought either to be expressed particularly to be such a day

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day of the week or month, or else only the next court day (or longer) from the date of the citation: and the time of appearance ought to be more or less, according to the distance of the place where they live. 4. The cause for which the suit is to be commenced. 5. The name of the party, at whose instance the citation is obtained. *Conset. 26.*

By *Can. 120.* No bishop, chancellor, archdeacon, official, or other ecclesiastical judge, shall suffer any general processes of *quorum nomina* to be sent out of his court: except the names of all such as thereby are to be cited, shall be first expressly entred by the hand of the register or his deputy under the said processes; and the said processes and names be first subscribed by the judge, or his deputy, and his seal thereto affixed.

The rule of the ancient canon law in which case was, that by the general clause *Quidam alii* in citations, not more than three or four persons should be drawn into judgment; whose names (*quorum nomina*) the person who obtained the citation was particularly to express, that there might be no room for fraud, in varying the names at pleasure. *Gibf. 1009.*

A company in London, refusing to pay a church rate set upon their hall, the master and wardens were cited into the ecclesiastical court by their surnames and names of baptism, with the addition of master and wardens of the company of waxchandlers. And upon moving for a prohibition, because they were cited in their natural capacity, when it should have been in their politick capacity, the court held the citation to be good, because the body politick could not be cited, and there was no remedy but in this way: and a prohibition was denied. *H. 33 & 34 C. 2. Skin. 27.*

By whom to be executed.

3. *Otho.* Forasmuch as we are given to understand, that they who have obtained letters citatory do send them by three vile messengers, to the place where the person to be cited is said to inhabit; which letters two of them do put up over the altar of the church of that place, or in some other place there, and the third presently taketh them away; from whence it cometh to pass, that two of them afterwards giving their testimony that they cited him according to the manner and custom of the country, he is excommunicated or suspended as contumacious, whereas indeed he was not contumacious, nor knew any thing of the citation: Therefore to take away this most abominable abuse, and other such like, we do ordain, that from henceforth

henceforth letters citatory in causes ecclesiastical shall not be sent by those who obtain them, nor by their messengers; but the judge shall send them by his own faithful messenger, at the moderate expence of the person suing them out; or at least the citation shall be directed to the dean of the deanry [that is, to the rural dean] where the party to be cited dwelleth, who at the judge's commandment shall faithfully execute the same by himself or his certain and trusty messengers. *Aibon.* 63.

Othob. We do decree, that when the judge sendeth a citation against any person who is absent; he shall commit the execution thereof to the dean of the place, or to some person certain. *Aibon.* 123.

Stratford. Whereas bishops and archdeacons, their officials and other ordinaries, and their commissaries, command primary citations for the correction of offenders to be executed by rectors, vicars, or parish priests; and it is frequently laid to their charge, that concerning those matters for which the citation is made they perversely disclose the confessions of the parties cited made privately unto them, whereby they are greatly scandalized, and the parishioners for the future refuse to confess their sins unto them: we do ordain, that primary citations from the said ordinaries shall not be served by the rectors or others aforesaid, but by the officials, deans, apparitors, or other ministers of the said ordinaries. And if any such primary citations shall be committed to the rectors, vicars, or priests; they shall not be bound to obey them, but the same and all subsequent censures and processies thereupon shall be utterly void and of no effect. *Lind.* 90.

4. By the aforesaid constitution of *Othob*; the person to whom the citation is directed shall diligently seek the party to be cited. In what manner
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And when he hath found him, he is to shew to the party cited the citation under seal, and by virtue thereof cite him to appear at the time and place appointed: And it is usual also to leave a note with him, expressing the contents thereof. *1 Ought.* 44, 45.

But if it be returned upon the citation that the defendant cannot be found, then the plaintiff's proctor petitioneth, that the defendant may be cited personally (if he can), to appear and answer the contents of the former citation; and if not personally, then by any other ways and means, so as the party to be cited may come to the knowledge thereof: and this is that which is called a citation *viis et modis*, or a publick citation, seeing it is

executed either by publick edict, a copy thereof being affixed to the doors of the house where the defendant dwells; or the doors of the parish church where he inhabits, for the space of half an hour in the time of divine service; or by publication in the church in time of divine service; or, as it hath been said, by the tolling of a bell, or the sounding of a trumpet, or the erecting of a banner. This being done, a certificate must be made of the premises, and the citation brought into court; and if the party cited appear not, the plaintiff's proctor accuseth his contumacy (he being first three times called by the crier of the court), and in penalty of such his contumacy requesteth that he may be excommunicate. *Conset. 34. 1 Ought. 49.*

But the citation must be served at the door or outside of a man's house; for the house may not be entred in such case without his consent. *Lind. 87. Athon. 63.*

To this purpose, by the aforesaid constitution of *Otho* it is directed, that if the person to whom the citation is committed shall not be able to find the party; he shall cause the letters to be publickly read and expounded, on the Lord's day, or other solemn day, in the church of that place where he hath usually dwelt, during the celebration of the mass.

Or publickly in the street (saith *Athon*), if he be hindered from entring the church: otherwise he shall read the citation in the church, and leave a copy thereof upon the altar: and the absent person, by other ways means and cautions (if any occur) shall be cited, before he be proceeded against as contumacious. *Athon. 65.*

In like manner, by a constitution of archbishop *Me- pham*; in certain cases, they who cannot be personally cited, shall be cited at their house, if they have any at which they can be safely cited; if they cannot be safely cited at their house, then in the parish church where such house standeth; or if they have no house, then in the cathedral church of the diocese, and also in the church of the parish where the offence was committed (if it can be safely done). And in such cases, they shall be proceeded against in the same manner, as if they had been cited personally. *Lind. 85.*

Citing out of the
diocese.

5. By the same constitution, it is ordained, that all ordinary judges of the province do readily assist one another in making citations and executions, and in executing all lawful mandates.

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Yet by the ancient laws of the church, the metropolitan was forbidden to exercise judicial authority in the diocese of a comprovincial bishop, unless in case of appeal or vacancy. And therefore when archbishop Peccham excommunicated the bishop of Hereford for resisting this concurrent power, and affirming against the archbishop that he could not exercise any jurisdiction exclusive of the bishop within the bishop's own diocese, nor take cognizance of causes there per querelam; the archbishop defended his claim, not upon the common right of a metropolitan, but upon the peculiar privilege of the church of Canterbury, that the church of Canterbury enjoyeth such a privilege, that the archbishop for the time being may and ought to hear causes arising within the dioceses of his suffragans, and that in the first instance. Which privilege probably sprung from the archbishops of Canterbury being legati nati to the pope. *Gibf. 1004.*

But now, by the statute of the 23 Hen. 8. c. 9. intituled, *The bill of citations; Where great numbers of the king's subjects, as well men, wives, servants, as other the king's subjects, dwelling in divers dioceses of this realm of England and Wales, have been at many times called by citations and other processes compulsory, to appear in the arches, audience, and other high courts of the archbishops of this realm, far from and out of the diocese where they dwell; and many times to answer to surmised and feigned causes, and suits of defamation, withholding of tithes, and such other like causes and matters, which have been sued more for malice and for vexation than for any just cause of suit; and where certificate hath been made by the summoner, apparator, or any such light literate person, that the party against whom any such citation hath been awarded, hath been cited or summoned, and thereupon the same party so certified to be cited or summoned hath not appeared according to the certificate, the same party therefore hath been excommunicated, or at the least suspended from all divine services; and thereupon before that he or she could be absolved, hath been compelled, not only to pay the fees of the court whereunto he or she was so called by citation or other process, amounting to the sum of 2s. or 20d at the least; but also to pay to the summoner, apparator, or other light literate person by whom he or she was so certified to be summoned, for every mile being distant from the place where he or she then dwelled, unto the same court whereunto he or she was so cited or summoned to appear, 2d; to the great charge and impoverishment of the king's subjects, and to the great occasion of misbehaviour and misliving of wives, women, and servants, and to the great impairment and dimi-*

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nution of their good names and honesties: it is therefore enacted, that no manner of person shall be from henceforth cited or summoned or otherwise called to appear by himself or by any procurator, before any ordinary archdeacon commissary official or any other judge spiritual, out of the diocese or peculiar jurisdiction where he shall be inhabiting at the time of awarding or going forth of the same citation or summons (except it shall be for any of the causes hereafter written, that is to say, (1) for any spiritual offence or cause committed or omitted by the bishop, archdeacon, commissary, official, or other person having spiritual jurisdiction, or being a spiritual judge, or by any other person within the diocese or other jurisdiction whereunto he shall be cited or otherwise lawfully called to appear and answer; and (2) except also it shall be upon matter or cause of appeal, or for other lawful cause, wherein any party shall find himself grieved or wronged by the ordinary or judge of the diocese or jurisdiction, or by any of his substitutes officers or ministers, after the matter or cause there first commenced and begun to be shewed unto the archbishop or bishop or any other having peculiar jurisdiction, within whose province the diocese or place peculiar is; or (3) in case that the bishop or other immediate judge or ordinary dare not nor will not convent the party to be sued before him; or (4) in case that the bishop of the diocese or judge of the place, within whose jurisdiction or before whom the suit by this act shall be commenced and prosecuted, be party directly or indirectly to the matter or cause of the same suit; or (5) in case that any bishop, or any inferior judge, having under him jurisdiction in his own right and title, or by commission, make request or instance to the archbishop bishop or other superior ordinary or judge, to take treat examine or determine the matter before him or his substitutes, and that to be done in cases only where the law civil or canon doth affirm execution of such request or instance of jurisdiction to be lawful or tolerable;) upon pain of forfeiture, to every person by any ordinary commissary official or substitute by virtue of his office or at the suit of any person to be cited or otherwise summoned or called contrary to this act, of double damages and costs, to be recovered by action of debt or upon the case, in any of the king's high courts, or in any other competent temporal court of record; and upon pain of forfeiture for every person so summoned cited or otherwise called as aforesaid to answer before any spiritual judge out of the diocese or other jurisdiction where the said person dwelleth, 10 l; half to the king, and half to him that will sue in any of the king's said courts. s. 1, 2, 3.

Provided always, that it shall be lawful to every archbishop of this realm to cite any person inhabiting in any bishop's diocese within

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within his province, for causes of heresy; if the bishop or other ordinary immediate thereunto consent, or do not his duty in punishment of the same. s. 4.

Provided also, that this shall not extend to the prerogative of the archbishop of Canterbury, for calling any person out of the diocese where he inhabiteth, for probate of any testament. s. 5.

Provided also, that this act shall not be prejudicial to the archbishop of York, for probate of testaments within his province and jurisdiction, by reason of any prerogative. s. 7.

Far from and out of the diocese] By reason of this expression in the preamble, it was doubted in the 6th Ja. whether the archbishop was not at liberty (notwithstanding this act) to cite the inhabitants of London and other neighbouring places of the same diocese, into his court of arches; which would be no more a grievance to the subject, than the being cited into the consistory of London; and could not properly be called a citing out of the diocese, since the court of arches is held within the diocese of London. But all the justices of the court of common pleas held, that the archbishop is restrained by this act from citing any inhabitants of London, besides his own peculiars; because the excusing the subject from travel and charges was not the only benefit intended by it, but also the benefit of appeals; and by diocese in this statute, was understood jurisdiction; and, as to the language of the preamble, that the enacting parts of statutes are in many cases of larger extent than their preambles are, *Gibbs*. 1005.

In the next reign, *H. 9 Car.* in *Gobbet's* case, the like point came under consideration again, and prohibition to the arches being prayed, the determination was as follows: Jones said, that he was informed by Dr Duck, chancellor of London, that there hath been for long time a composition between the bishop of London and the archbishop of Canterbury, that if any suit be begun before the archbishop, it shall always be permitted by the bishop of London; so that it is as it were a general licence, and so not sued there but with the bishop's assent; and for that reason the archbishop never makes any visitation in London diocese. And hereupon the prohibition was denied. *Gibbs*. 1005.

But in the case of *Ford and Weldon*, *H. 15 & 16 C. 2.* when the same composition was urged in the court of king's bench, against a prohibition to the arches, the court was divided: Hide chief justice, and Windham,

against the prohibition; and Twisden and Keyling for it. Against the prohibition it was said, that the arches is within the diocese of London, and that the composition amounts to a licence; and for the prohibition, that London is not within the jurisdiction of the arches, and that the composition is taken away by the statute, inasmuch as no agreement between ordinaries can prejudice the people, for whose benefit the statute was made. *Gibf.* 1005.

That no manner of person shall be from henceforth cited] But if a man is cited out of his diocese, and appears, and sentence is given, or if he submits himself to the suit; he shall have no benefit by this statute, nor will a prohibition be granted. *Gibf.* 1006. *Carth.* 33.

Out of the diocese] And that, as it seemeth, whether the see be full or vacant. For in the 13 or 14 *Ja.* in the case of one *Pickover*, it was resolved upon this statute, that if a bishoprick within the province of Canterbury be void, and so the jurisdiction be devolved to the metropolitan; he must hold his court within the inferior diocese, for such causes as were by the ecclesiastical law to be holden before the inferior ordinary; and the prothonotaries said, it had been so formerly resolved. But a little before this, in the 11 *Ja.* the contrary was resolved; that is, where one was cited out of his diocese before the archbishop of Canterbury as guardian of the spiritualities, not only prohibition was denied; but it was further said, that if he had been cited before him as metropolitan, it would have been granted upon this statute. *Gibf.* 1006.

Or peculiar jurisdiction] That is, whether they be cited out of such peculiar to the arches, or before the ordinary within whose diocese the peculiar doth lie. And Coke said, that if a man be sued out of his diocese, yet if he be sued within his own proper peculiar, he is not within this statute. *Gibf.* 1006.

Where he shall be inhabiting] *H.* 8 *Ja.* an attorney in the king's bench was sued in the arches for a legacy; and, for that he inhabited in the diocese of Peterborough, prohibition was prayed and granted; because tho' he remained here in term time, he was properly inhabiting within the jurisdiction of the bishop of Peterborough. *Gibf.* 1006. 2 *Brownl.* 12.

But, *T.* 17 *C.* 2. when one was cited into the archdeacon of Canterbury's court, for not coming to church at Biddenden in the county of Kent, and pleaded that he

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was an inhabitant in the diocese of Chichester, the court declared, that if a man be cited within the diocese, tho' he be not an inhabitant there, but only comes there to trade or otherwise, yet this is not within the statute; and that if it were otherwise, there might be offences committed within the ecclesiastical law, which could not be punished at all; for men would offend in one county, and then remove into another, and so escape with impunity.

Gibf. 1006. Hardr. 421.

But in the case of *Westcote and Harding, E. 15 C. 2.* when the suit was for tithes in the diocese of Sarum, where they lay, and prohibition was obtained upon this statute because the defendant inhabited in London; the court, upon notice that the suit was for tithes, granted a consultation, and declared that that case was not within the statute: tho' the contrary seems to have been agreed, *T. 9 Ja. in the case of Jones and Boyer. Gibf. 1006. 1 Lev. 96. 2 Brownl. 27.*

T. 1 W. Woodward and Makepeace. Woodward, who lived in the diocese of Litchfield and Coventry, but occupied lands in the diocese of Peterborough, was there taxed in respect of his land, as an inhabitant, towards a rate for new casting of the bells, and because he refused to pay, was cited into the court of the bishop of Peterborough, and libelled against for this matter. And by the court; this is not a citing out of the diocese, for he is an inhabitant where he occupies the land, as well as where he personally resides. *1 Salk. 164.*

M. 11 W. Machin and Molton. In a declaration in attachment upon prohibition, the case was, that the plaintiff lived in Nottingham within the province of York, and there subtracted tithes, and then removed into Lincolnshire within the province of Canterbury. Afterwards he happened to go to York, and was sued there in the court of the archbishop for the subtraction aforesaid, and had a prohibition on the statute for citing him out of his diocese. But at last, after debate, a consultation was awarded, for that the subtraction of tithes is local, and by the statute of the 32 H. 8. c. 7. must be sued before the ordinary of that place where the wrong was done; otherwise in cases transitory, where the action follows the person of the offender: And, as it was argued by the counsel, this is not citing out of his diocese within the statute; because the diocese where he lives hath not a jurisdiction, and if he might not be cited in this case, the thing would be remediless and unpunishable. So it a pe-

culiar is in two dioceses, and a man who dwells in one of the dioceses in the peculiar, is cited to the court of the peculiar held in the other diocese; this is not a citing out of the diocese, because it is within the peculiar. 2 *Salk.* 549. *L. Raym* 452: 534.

T. 5 An. Wilmett and Lloyd. A difference in this case was taken by Holt chief justice, where a man of another diocese is taken *flagranti delicto*: He said; where the party goes into another diocese, and is commorant there, and comes back casually into the first diocese, in such case the citation cannot be good; for suppose a man comes casually into the diocese of London, and commits a crime there, and then goes back to the diocese where he dwells, and then casually comes to London again, it seemeth that he cannot be here cited; but if he had been cited before he left London, then that would be *flagranti delicto*. *Holt's Rep.* 605.

Immediate judge or ordinary dare not, nor will not, convent the party] In archbishop Parker's register, we find the archbishop to have put benefices in another diocese under sequestration, by reason of the negligence of the ordinary; but this is an act only of voluntary jurisdiction. And before the reformation, we find the archbishop requiring bishops to proceed against particular persons in their dioceses, or shew cause why himself should not proceed, *Gibf.* 1007.

Be party] If the cause be begun before the archbishop, tho' the bishop or other judge (who was party in the cause) dieth whilst it is depending, and so the occasion ceaseth upon which it was first brought before the archbishop; yet he being in possession of it, it shall not be removed. *Gibf.* 1007.

Make request or instance to the archbishop] *M. 19 C. 2.* in the case of *Balton and Bolton*, prohibition was prayed to the arches, for citing out of the diocese of Worcester, and day given to shew cause. At the day, the plaintiff in the arches shewed letters of request from the bishop of Worcester; to which it was objected, that this ought not to come in upon motion, but ought to be pleaded; for the statute says, they shall only be admitted where the civil or canon law doth allow; and therefore it is a matter proper to be argued, that the court may be informed by civilians, whether the law allows it or not in the present case. But prohibition was denied, in the king's bench,

bench, and in the exchequer; in both which courts, it was held sufficient to exhibit the letters of request upon motion, without putting the party to plead. Also it hath been ruled upon this statute, that the archdeacon cannot send a cause depending before him, immediately into the arches; for that he hath no power to appoint another court, but only to remit his own court, and to leave it to the next: For since his power was derived from the bishop, to whom he is subordinate; he must yield it to him of whom he received it. *Gibf. 1007. 1 Lev. 225.*

In cases only where the law civil or canon doth affirm execution of such request or instance of jurisdiction to be lawful] It was held by the civilians, in the case of *Jones and Jones, T. 9 Ja.* that it was absolutely in the power of the ordinary to send any cause to the archbishop at his will, without assigning any special reason; for which they cited the authority of divers canonists. But Hobart (and, as it seemeth, the court) said, that to expound the statute thus, to wit, that the ordinary may at his will and pleasure send the subject from one end of the kingdom to another without cause, was both against the letter of the statute, and did utterly elude it; that the purpose of the law was, to provide for the ease of the subject more than for the jurisdiction of the ordinary, which appears, in that there is action given to the subject and penalty to the king for the vexation, but none to the ordinary; and that this very clause says, it is to be done in cases only which the civil or canon law alloweth; which would be a vain restriction, if it were left as general as before, that is, if it were lawful or tolerable in all cases, without cause. *Gibf. 1007. Hob. 185. 2 Brownl. 27.*

For causes of heresy] In the case of *Pelling and Whiston, H. 8 An.* which was a cause of heresy, Dr Pelling appealed to the delegates from a refusal on the part of the dean of the arches, to cite Mr Whiston before him, upon letters of request from Dr Harwood, commissary of the exempt and peculiar jurisdiction of the dean and chapter of St Paul's. The ground of the dean's refusal was, that letters of request from Dr Harwood did not lie before him, because in a case of heresy the bishop of the diocese hath jurisdiction in places otherwise exempt within his diocese; and notwithstanding the statute of citations, an heretick may be cited to appear before him upon letters of request from the judge of the peculiar; heresy being none of the five cases, in which a person may be cited out

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And by a constitution of archbishop Peccham : *Whereas some rural deans are defamed for diabolical craft in citations, selling certificates thereof for money to fraudulent men, when no notice of the citation is given to the party concerned, either before making the certificate or afterwards, and so the innocent is condemned; for the cure of this we do ordain, that no certificate shall be delivered to any person, nor otherwise granted under the seal of a rural dean, until the same shall have been publicly read upon some solemn day, during the solemnities of the mass, in the church where the person cited dwelleth or hath his most usual abode; adding moreover, that the person cited shall have sufficient space allowed to him, that he may conveniently appear at the time and place appointed: and if in some cases they are so straitened for time, that there is no room for delay; then the citation being first publicly made before witnesses, the certificate shall be given in the church or in some publick place before credible witnesses; so as that the day of the citation, and the place where, shall be expressed in the certificate. And in no wise shall the certificate be made before the citation. And the deans rural shall make oath for their faithful performance hereof, in the episcopal synod every year.* Lindw. 81.

Until the same shall have been publicly read] That is, the certificate; which ought to contain the tenor of the mandate, and the form and manner of the execution thereof. Lind. 82.

Upon some solemn day] That is, some funday or holiday. Lind. 81.

During the solemnities of the mass] Immediately after the offertory. Lind. 81.

In the church where the person cited dwelleth] Or parochial chapel. Lind. 81.

That there is no room for delay] That is, for delaying the certificate till the next high mass. Lind. 82.

Or in some publick place] Which may be nearer than the church; as in a market or fair, or other place of publick concourse. Lind. 83.

In the episcopal synod every year] Lindwood supposeth the reason of this might be, that new deans were yearly elected:

ed: however the canon supposeth, that the bishop every year held his synod. *Johns. Pecch.*

7. By the aforesaid statute of the 23 H. 8. c. 9. No^{Fee.} archbishop, nor bishop, ordinary, official, commissary, or any other substitute or minister of any of the said archbishops, bishops, archdeacons or other having any spiritual jurisdiction, shall demand or take of any of the king's subjects, any sum of money for the seal of any citation to be awarded or obtained, than only 3d; upon the pains and penalties before limited in this act, to be in like form recovered as is aforesaid. *f. 6.*

Other fees relating to the same (exclusive of the stamp duties) are to be regulated according to the particular customs of the several places.

Clerk of the parish. See *Parish Clerk.*

Cluniacks. See *Monasteries.*

Coadjutor.

IN cases of any habitual distemper of the mind, whereby the incumbent is rendered incapable of the administration of his cure, such as frenzy, lunacy, and the like; the laws of the church have provided coadjutors. Of these there are many instances in the ecclesiastical records, both before and since the reformation; and we find them given generally to parochial ministers (as most numerous), but sometimes also to deans, archdeacons, prebendaries, and the like; and no doubt they may be given, in such circumstances, at the discretion of the ordinary, to any ecclesiastical person, having ecclesiastical cure and revenue. *Gibb. 901.*

The powers conveyed at first, in general terms, the office of a coadjutor; and then, in particular, the looking after the cure, and receiving of the profits, and the discharging of the burdens; with an obligation to be accountable to the ordinary, when called upon. But the article of looking after the cure seemeth to be a late clause; there being no more in the ancient appointments of this kind, even since the reformation, than the administration of the revenues; which therefore exactly answers to the powers which were given to the coadjutors of

of bishops, who were appointed only to take care of the temporalities. And as there, the spiritual part was committed by the metropolitan to a bishop suffragan ; so here it was committed by the diocesan to a curate duly licensed. Not but the office of coadjutor to an incumbent was always committed to a clergyman ; who therefore, if not engaged in another cure, might be content to take upon him the spiritual part also, and have it accordingly committed to him by the bishop : but this was no part of the office of a coadjutor, as such ; which, in the case of presbyters as well as bishops, did anciently relate to the temporalities only. *Gibf.* 901, 2.

In the reign of queen Elizabeth, the court of wards had taken upon them to commit the person and revenues of a lunatick incumbent, to a layman who was his near relation. Against this, archbishop Whitgift objected, as an incroachment upon the ecclesiastical jurisdiction ; and proved the charge by divers testimonies (to which many more might have been added) out of the records of Canterbury and London ; whereby it appeared, that this had always been a care belonging to the governors of the church. And the person to whom the custody had been committed, being cited to answer the allegations of the archbishop, and alledging nothing to the contrary, the court thereupon made the following declaration : “ This
 “ court hath not any power or jurisdiction, to intermed-
 “ dle or commit the spiritual or ecclesiastical livings or
 “ possessions of any spiritual person that is lunatick or
 “ non compos mentis ; but the same resteth in the eccle-
 “ siastical magistrates, to appoint and dispose, as for-
 “ merly hath been accustomed. But for his moveable
 “ goods, and temporal possessions, the court will further
 “ consider thereof, and give such order as therein shall
 “ appertain.” In pursuance of which declaration, the archbishop committed the administration of the spiritual revenues to a clergyman, under the style of coadjutor ; and did afterwards, by a separate instrument, commit the custody of the lunatick to the person who had been appointed for the whole care by the court of wards. *Gibf.* 902.

Codicil. See *Wills*.

Collation. See *Benefice*.

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1. **G**enerally, colleges in the university are lay corporations, altho' the members of the college may be all spiritual. 2 *Salk.* 672. Colleges, lay corporations.

But the dean and chapter of Christ-church in Oxford is a spiritual, and not a lay body. *Bunb.* 209.

2. The universities from time to time have had ample privileges granted to them by sundry charters of the kings of this realm. Particularly, divers ancient charters were granted to the university of Oxford, by king John, king Henry the third, king Edward the first, and king Edward the third; with power of coercion of the contumacious, by imprisonment and expulsion; and also by the censures of excommunication, indulged to them by the popes of Rome (especially Innocent the fourth), and by the archbishops of Canterbury the pope's legates. The university of Cambridge had the like privileges granted to them of ancient time; but most of their old charters were lost in the wars of king Henry the third, or perished in the burning of the town in the time of king Richard the second. Which king renewed or granted further privileges to both the universities; as did also divers other succeeding princes of this realm. *Duck.* 347, 8. Charters granted to the universities confirmed by statute.

But divers of the powers and jurisdictions so granted to the universities being in law not grantable by charter, therefore it was enacted by the statute of the 13 Eliz. c. 29. as followeth:

For the great love and favour that the queen's most excellent majesty beareth towards her highness's universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and for the great zeal and care that the lords and commons of this present parliament have for the maintenance of good and godly literature, and the virtuous education of youth within either of the said universities; and to the intent that the antient privileges liberties and franchises of either of the said universities, heretofore granted ratified and confirmed by the queen's highness and her most noble progenitors, may be had in greater estimation, and be of the greater force and strength, for the better increase of learning, and the further suppressing of vice; it is enacted, that the right honourable Robert earl of Leicester, now chancellor of the said university of Oxford, and his successors for ever, and the masters and scholars of the same university of Oxford for the time being,

ing, shall be incorporated and have perpetual succession, by the name of the chancellor masters and scholars of the university of Oxford; and likewise that the right honourable Sir William Cecil, knight, baron of Burgley, now chancellor of the said university of Cambridge, and his successors for ever, and the masters and scholars of the same university of Cambridge for the time being, shall be incorporated and have perpetual succession, by the name of the chancellor masters and scholars of the university of Cambridge.

And the letters patents of the queen's highness most noble father king Henry the eighth, made and granted to the chancellor and scholars of the said university of Oxford, bearing date the first day of April in the fourteenth year of his reign; and the letters patents of the queen's majesty that now is, made and granted unto the chancellor masters and scholars of the university of Cambridge, bearing date the twenty sixth day of April in the third year of her reign; and also all other letters patents by any of the progenitors or predecessors of our said sovereign lady, made to either of the said corporated bodies severally, or to any of their predecessors, or either of the said universities, by whatsoever name or names the said chancellor masters and scholars of either of the said universities, in any of the said letters patents have been heretofore named, shall from henceforth be good effectual and available in the law, to all intents constructions and purposes, to the foresaid now chancellor masters and scholars of either of the said universities, and to their successors for evermore, after and according to, the form words sentences and true meaning of every of the same letters patents, as amply fully and largely, as if the same letters patents were recited verbatim in this present act of parliament.

And the chancellor masters and scholars of either of the said universities, severally, and their successors for ever, by the same name of chancellor masters and scholars of either of the said universities of Oxford and Cambridge, shall and may severally have hold possess enjoy and use, to them and to their successors for evermore, all manner of manors, lordships, rectories, parsonages, lands, tenements, rents, services, annuities, advowsons of churches, possessions, pensions, portions, and hereditaments, and all manner of liberties, franchises, immunities, quietances, and privileges, view of frankpledge, law days, and other things whatsoever they be, which either of the said corporated bodies of either of the said universities had held occupied or enjoyed, or of right ought to have had used occupied and enjoyed, at any time before the making of this act, according to the true intent and meaning, as well of the said letters patents made by the said noble prince king Henry the eighth,

eighth, and granted to the chancellor and scholars of the university of Oxford, bearing date as is aforesaid; as of the letters patents of the queen's majesty, made and granted unto the chancellor, masters and scholars of the university of Cambridge, bearing date as aforesaid; and according to the true intent and meaning of all the other aforesaid letters patents whatsoever; and the same are hereby confirmed to them.

Provided, that this act shall not extend to the prejudice or hurt of the liberties and privileges of right belonging to the mayor bailiffs and burgeses of the town of Cambridge and city of Oxford; but that they the said mayor bailiffs and burgeses, and every of them, and their successors, shall be and continue free, in such sort and degree, and enjoy such liberties freedoms and immunities, as they lawfully might have done before the making of this act.

By which blessed act (as lord Coke calls it), all the courts, franchises, privileges, and immunities mentioned in any letters patents, to either of the said universities, that they might prosper in their study with quietness, are established and made good and effectual in the law; against any quo warranto, scire facias, or other suits, or any quarrel, concealment, or other opposition whatsoever. 4 *Inst.* 227. *Hale's Hist. Com. Law.* 33.

3. But they have no jurisdiction unless the plaintiff or defendant is a scholar or servant of the university, or of some college; but if either of them is a scholar, it is then a matter within their jurisdiction: but yet, if either of them is entered into a college by collusion, to avoid a suit in the king's bench, or to excuse himself from town offices, his privilege shall not be allowed.

Thus in the case of the city of Oxford, *M. 1 W.* On an action of debt against the defendant, a townsman in Oxford, for refusing to execute an office in the corporation; it was moved, that he being a servant of Dr Irish, might have the privilege of the university; and a charter was produced, by which it was granted, that the members and servants of the university should be sued in the vicechancellor's court, and not elsewhere; and a certificate from the chancellor, directed to the chief justice, that the defendant was matriculated and registred in the university: But it appearing to the court, that this was done two days and no more before he was chosen to this office, and that he was a painter by trade, and had lived several years in the corporation, and no servant attending Dr Irish, the privilege of the university was not allowed.

2 *Ventr.* 106.

T. 3 Car. Wilcocks and Bradell. Prohibition, by Wilcocks against Jane Bradell the wife of John Bradell, principal of St Mary-Hall in Oxford, and Christian the daughter of the said John Bradell, to stay their suits in the vicechancellor's court of Oxford: for that whereas Jane Bradell had libelled against him in the vicechancellor's court of Oxford, for calling her *bawd* and *old bawd* (which is termed the action of injury); and Christian the daughter had libelled against him for these words *saury* *where and jade*, and that he did strike her. For staying of these suits, sentence being given against him in both, Wilcocks prays to have prohibitions. And now the agent for the university moved for a consultation; and shewed the charters of the university in the 14 *R. 2.* and 14 *H. 8.* whereby is granted unto them, that they may inquire of all trespasses, injuries, and of all pleas and quarrels, and of all other crimes and matters (except pleas of franktenement), where a scholar or their servants or ministers is one of the parties, and that they shall have cognizance and correction thereof, according to their statutes and customs, or according to the law of England, at the discretion of the chancellor; so as the justices of the king's bench or of the common bench, or justices of assize, *se non intromittant*; and if the same justices shall take in hand to inquire, or in any wise to take cognizance or intromit, then upon certificate or notification of the chancellor of the university or his commissary, they shall supersede such inquiry or cognizance, and shall not put the party to answer before them, but the said party shall be corrected and punished before the chancellor or his commissary only, in form aforesaid; and that these charters were confirmed by act of parliament in the 13 *Eliz.* And because Wilcocks was a scholar, and master of arts of the said university, it was prayed that the cause might be remanded. And it was much debated at the bar and bench, for that the parties were women, which were not any persons privileged there; and the defendant, who is the scholar, doth not desire that privilege, but would oppose it, and prayeth these prohibitions. But the court agreed, forasmuch as the charters are, that the university shall have cognizance of those pleas, where one of the parties is a scholar, and so the plaintiffs being thereby enforced to sue there, therefore the cause should be remanded. *Cra. Car. 73.*

But if an action be brought against a scholar and another who is not one; in this case the scholar (another being joined with him) shall not have the privilege or benefit of the charter. As in the case of *White* against *William* and *Robert Lowgher*, 18 & 19 *El.* William Lowgher appeared and answered, but Robert Lowgher claimed the privilege of the university of Oxford. But because the said Robert was joined with William in the bill, who was not subject to the same jurisdiction, therefore the court ordered process to be awarded against him, to shew other cause why he should not answer. *Cary*, 79.

And in order to be intitled to this privilege, it must appear, that the person claiming it is resident in the university at the time. As in the case of *Mary Hayes* and *Samuel Long Clerk*, T. 6 G. 3. in the common pleas: The plaintiff, having been prosecuted upon an indictment for keeping a bawdy house at *Benson* in the county of Oxford, and upon trial acquitted, brought an action against the prosecutor of the indictment. The university claimed cognizance; and the defendant makes affidavit, that he is and for 21 years past has been a member and student of the college of Christ Church, and that he is now resident there. Whereupon the court made a rule to shew cause why the claim of cognizance should not be allowed. Upon shewing cause, an affidavit was produced by the plaintiff, which swears, that the defendant generally resides, and is obliged to reside, at Benson, where he has a college living; and tho' his name remains upon the books of the college, and he is still a member thereof, yet he has no room or chamber there to reside in. Thereupon it was insisted for the plaintiff, that cognizance of pleas ought not to be allowed to the university, for two reasons; first, because the cause of action arose at Benson, out of the university; secondly, for that the defendant had no right to the privilege of the university, he having ceased to reside there as a student and member thereof; and being obliged to reside upon his living at Benson; like the case of an attorney, after he has left off practising, and no longer attends this court, he shall not be intitled to privilege, notwithstanding his name remains upon the roll of attornies. By Lord Camden chief justice: The charter extends to actions arising in any part of England; but surely it could never intend, that scholars as plaintiffs should have the privilege of suing in the university in causes of action arising in any part of England; but when they are defendants, this privilege extends all over

England. The superior courts construe this privilege very strictly, therefore it ought to be made to appear clearly to the court, that the defendant is a scholar residing. Great numbers of persons remain on the books, long after they have left the university, on purpose to vote for members, and the like; many who are fellows of colleges never go thither at all; but it would be strange, if this court should allow cognizance in cases where such persons are defendants: It is therefore absolutely necessary that residence should be proved to the court. And the claim of cognizance was disallowed. 2 *Wilson*, 310.

How far it extendeth to criminal offences.

4. The chancellor's court hath authority to determine not only civil, but also criminal offences or misdemeanors, under the degree of treason, felony, or maim. But the trial of treason, felony, and maim, by a particular charter is committed to the university jurisdiction in another court, namely, the court of the lord high steward of the university. For by a charter of 7 June, 2 Hen. 4. (confirmed among the rest by the statute of the 13 Eliz.) cognizance is granted to the university of Oxford of all indictments of treasons, insurrections, felony, and maim, which shall be found in any of the king's courts against a scholar or privileged person; and they are to be tried before the high steward of the university, or his deputy, who is to be nominated by the chancellor of the university for the time being. But when his office is called forth into action, such high steward must be approved by the lord high chancellor of England; and a special commission under the great seal is given to him, and others, to try the indictment then depending, according to the law of the land and the privileges of the said university. When therefore an indictment is found at the assizes, or elsewhere, against any scholar of the university or other privileged person, the vice-chancellor may claim the cognizance of it; and (when claimed in due time and manner) it ought to be allowed him by the judges of assize; and then it comes to be tried in the high steward's court. But the indictment must first be found by a grand jury, and then the cognizance claimed: for it seemeth that the high steward cannot proceed originally to inquire; but only, after inquest in the common law courts, to hear and determine. Much in the same manner, as, when a peer is to be tried in the court of the lord high steward of Great Britain, the indictment must first be found at the assizes, or in the court of king's bench; and then (in consequence of a writ of certiorari) transmitted to be finally heard

heard and determined before the lord high steward and the peers. When the cognizance is so allowed, if the offence be a misdemeanor only, it is tried in the chancellor's court by the ordinary judge. But if it be for treason, felony, or maim, it is then, and then only, to be determined before the high steward, under the king's special commission to try the same. The process of the trial is this: The high steward issues one precept to the sheriff of the county, who thereupon returns a panel of 18 freeholders; and another precept to the bedells of the university, who thereupon return a panel of 18 matriculated laymen: and by a jury formed half of freeholders of the county, and half of matriculated persons, is the indictment to be tried; and that, in the guildhall of the city of Oxford. And if execution be necessary to be awarded, in consequence of finding the party guilty, the sheriff of the county must execute the university process; to which he is annually bound by an oath.——But there hath not been occasion to reduce this proceeding into practice, for above 100 years last past.

4 *Blackst.* 277.

5. *M. 3 Car.* *Halley's case.* In the 'common pleas. Extends not to f.e. hold. Ejectment, upon a lease of a messuage in Oxford. The defendant, being principal of Gloucester Hall in Oxford, pretended, that he being a scholar in Oxford, and a privileged person, ought to be sued before the vicechancellor in Oxford according to the course of proceedings there, according to the custom of the university, and according to the charters of *Rich. 2.* and *Hen. 8.* confirmed by parliament. Wherefore he prayed that there might be a stay of proceedings in this court; and shewed their charters, that they had cognizance of all suits, contracts, covenants, quarrels, except concerning freehold; and this being a personal action, they ought to have cognizance thereof. And for the university was shewed an ancient record in this court, in the 22 *Ed. 1* where a plea of covenant was brought in the court of the vicechancellor of the university of Oxford, by reason of a contract made before that time, wherein was granted unto them, that they should have cognizance of all actions personal and contracts; and this covenant in question was, that he should enjoy such an house in Oxford for a year; and because this court of the common pleas had granted a prohibition to stay the proceedings in the said suit, being begun in the court christian before the vicechancellor, the record mentioned, that upon the shewing of this charter, it appearing, that the action was brought

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only upon a contract, and not for the houses, therefore a consultation was granted. And so it was prayed here, because this action was but personal, that they might have cognizance thereof. But all the court denied it, and affirmed, that the vicechancellor had not any jurisdiction, nor might hold plea thereof; for in this action he shall recover possession, and shall have an habere facias possessionem, and thereby he that hath a freehold may be put out of possession: and it is not like the record shewn; for there it is only an action of covenant, wherein the plaintiff shall recover damages only, and therefore reason to grant a procedendo there; but here he shall recover possession, and therefore by their own rules they ought not to hold cognizance, nor have liberty to proceed in this case. Note, that by this ancient record it appeareth what are the privileges, [it should rather be said, what were then the privileges] of the said university, and the jurisdiction of this court to grant a prohibition where they proceed in court christian in prejudice of the common law, without resorting to the chancery. *Cro. Car. 87.*

H. 35 & 36 Car. 2. In the chancery: *Stephens and Berry.* The plaintiff exhibits his bill, to be relieved touching some lands in Cornwall; and the defendant, being head of Exeter college in Oxford, pleads the privilege of the university, and that he ought to be sued in the vicechancellor's court in Oxford only. But his plea was overruled: for that matters of freehold are excepted out of the patent to the university; and their court can at best have but a lame jurisdiction as to lands in Cornwall. *1 Vern. 212.*

H. 35 & 36 C. 2. *Draper and Crowther.* A bill was brought setting forth a contract under seal with the defendant, for making a lease of certain lands in Middlesex, and to have execution of the agreement. The defendant pleaded the privileges of the university, to proceed in all quarrels in law and equity, except concerning freehold; and concluded to the jurisdiction of the court. But lord keeper Guilford overruled the plea; because in this case the university cannot sequester lands in Middlesex, and so can give no remedy: and the carrying this agreement into execution toucheth the freehold. *2 Ventr. 362.*

T. 12 An. *Aldrich and Stratford.* A bill in chancery being brought, for a discovery of the personal estate of Dr Aldrich deceased, and an injunction granted thereupon;

upon ; the university of Oxford claimed cognizance of the cause, for that both plaintiff and defendant were scholars of the university. Upon hearing counsel several times, and view of charters, and the statute of the 13 El. and precedents, Harcourt lord chancellor ordered the bill to be dismissed, and allowed an exclusive cognizance in equity, touching *chattels*, to the university. *Vin. University. K. 13.*

6. T. 6 W. *Philips and Bury.* The plaintiff brings an ejectment against the defendant for the rectory house of Exeter college in Oxford, and declares upon a demise to him by John Painter, being now made rector, upon the deprivation of Dr Bury. Upon the general issue pleaded, the jury find a special verdict. They find that Exeter college in Oxford (to the rectors and scholars of which the rectory house appertaineth) was founded by Walter Stapleton bishop of Exeter, for a rector and a certain number of fellows : That the rector and fellows are a body politick, incorporated by letters patent of queen Elizabeth, by the name of rector and fellows of Exeter college in Oxford : They also find divers statutes of the college ; they find one which appoints the bishop of Exeter and his successors to be visitors, but that he ought not to visit *ex officio* but once in five years (unless he be requested by the rector and four of the seven senior fellows), and that this visitation ought not to continue longer than three days ; they find also another statute, which enables the visitor to deprive the rector, if he obtain the concurrent assent of the seven senior fellows, in case the rector misbehave himself ; they find another statute which enables the rector to deprive any of the fellows for incontinency or other offences there specified : The jury find further, that the defendant Dr Bury was made rector of Exeter college in the year 1689 : That he, upon the 16th of October in that year deprived Mr John Colmer, one of the fellows, for incontinency : That John Colmer entred his appeal with the bishop of Exeter, visitor of the college ; who, after having heard his appeal, sent his chancellor in March 1690 with him to the college to restore him : That the rector and the seven senior fellows denied to give him admittance : They find, that the bishop of Exeter issued his citation, for appointing a visitation the 16th of June following ; which citation was served upon the defendant, then rector, by Webber : That the bishop upon the 16th came to the college, where he found the gates of the college shut

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against him, so that he could not obtain admission : That the bishop then and there administered an oath to Webber, concerning the service of the citation : They find, that upon the 20th of July in the same year, the bishop issued another citation for appointing a visitation to be held the 24th following : They find, that upon the 24th the bishop held a visitation : That upon the 25th he suspended five of the seven senior fellows for contumacy : That upon the 26th, with the consent of the then seven senior fellows, he deprived the defendant then rector for contumacy : That Mr Painter was then made rector, and entered in the premises, and demised to Philips the plaintiff for a term of years, who entered ; and that the defendant entered upon him, and that the plaintiff brought this ejectment. After several arguments at the bar in this case, the court of king's bench were divided in opinion ; the three puisne judges, Gregory, Giles Eyre, and Samuel Eyre, were of opinion that judgment ought to be given for the defendant : Holt chief justice, on the contrary, held that it ought to be given for the plaintiff. The principal and leading point in this case was, whether the court of king's bench had any jurisdiction to examine into the proceedings of the visitor of the college, and to give relief to the party oppressed by them. The three judges who argued for the defendant, resolved, that to the king's bench belongeth authority, not only to correct errors in judicial proceedings, but other errors and misdemeanors extrajudicial tending to the oppression of the subject ; for which they relied on *Bagge's case*, 11 Co. 28. They also held, that a college is a temporal or lay corporation, of the same nature with an hospital. And they took the difference in *Bagge's case*, that if a layman be patron of an hospital, he may visit it, and depose or deprive (upon good cause) the master ; but if he deprive him without just cause, and by colour thereof the master be ousted, he shall have an assise ; because the common law will not permit any person grieved to be without remedy. And tho' the founder had an absolute power over his foundation, yet he could not exclude the jurisdiction of the common law : no more than if a man should devise lands between *A* and *B*, and his intent was, that if any difference should arise between them about the lands, it should be determined by *C*, without process ; this appointment would be vain, and the party grieved might have his remedy by the law. Besides, that the law will not allow any custom, which in any manner may tend to the

the support of arbitrary power; and for this reason will not permit the visitor to be without controul. And for these reasons they were of opinion, that they had here jurisdiction (the whole matter being found specially) to examine and correct the erroneous proceedings (if such they were) of the visitor. But they agreed, that if the ordinary deprive a master, who is ecclesiastical, without just cause, he shall not have an assise, because he hath other remedy by appeal; as in *Coveney's case*, *Dyer*, 209. Holt chief justice, on the contrary, for the plaintiff argued, that there are two sorts of corporations; the one constituted for publick government, the other for private charity. The former, being duly created altho' there are no words in their creation for enabling their members to purchase implead or be impleaded, yet they may do all these things, for they are all necessarily included in and incident to their creation: And these sorts of corporations are not subject to any founder or visitor or particular statutes, but to the general and common laws of the realm; and by them they have their maintenance and support. But the latter sort of corporations, which are constituted for private charity, are intirely private, and wholly subject to the rules laws statutes and ordinances which the founder ordains, and to the visitor whom he appoints, and to no others. And if the founder hath not appointed any visitor, then the law appoints the founder and his heirs to be visitors. For visitation (he said) was not introduced by the canon law, but of necessity was created by the common law. Patronage and visitation both rise from the founder; and the office of the visitor by the common law is, to judge according to the statutes of the college, to expel and deprive upon just occasions, and to hear appeals of course. And from him, and him only, the party grieved ought to have redress, and in him the founder hath reposed so intire confidence that he will administer justice impartially, that his determinations are final, and examinable in no other court whatsoever. As to the objection of the other side, that if the master of an hospital be deprived by the patron without just cause he may have an assise, and that a college and hospital are of the same nature; he agreed, that a college and hospital were of the same nature; but as to the objection that the master may maintain an assise, he answered, that the master could not maintain an assise, because he is not sole seised; and of that opinion (he said) Hale chief justice had been often heretofore: and for this reason he denied the opinion in *Coveney's*

Coveney's and *Bagge's* cases to be law, as *Hale* chief justice had done before: besides that these cases are grounded upon an error; for they rely upon the 8 *Aff.* 29, 30. for warranting that opinion, where in truth the same doth not warrant any such opinion. Upon the whole, he concluded, that this college was a private corporation; that the founder having created the bishop visitor, the justice of his proceedings was not examinable in this court, or in any other; for which reasons he was of opinion, that judgment ought to be given for the plaintiff. But the three other justices being of a contrary opinion, judgment was entred for the defendant. *Lord Raym.* 5. 4 *Mod.* 106. *Skin.* 447.

Upon this a writ of error was brought in parliament; and the judgment was there reversed. In the argument whereof, bishop *Stillingfleet* spoke to this effect: That this absolute and conclusive power of visitors, is no more than the law hath appointed in other cases, upon commissions of charitable uses: that the common law, and not any ecclesiastical canons, do place the power of visitation in the founder and his heirs, unless he settle it upon others: that altho' corporations for publick government be subject to the courts of Westminster hall, which have no particular founders, or special visitors; yet corporations for charity, founded and endowed by private persons, are subject to the rule and government of those that erect them: but where the persons to whom the charity is given are not incorporated, there is no such visitatorial power, because the interest of the revenue is not invested in them; but where they are, the right of visitation ariseth from the foundation, and the founder may convey it to whom and in what manner he pleaseth; and the visitor acts as founder, and by the same authority which he had, and consequently is no more accountable than he had been: that the king by his charter can make a society to be incorporated, so as to have the rights belonging to persons, as to legal capacities: that colleges, altho' founded by private persons, are yet incorporated by the king's charter; but altho' the kings by their charters made the colleges to be such in law, that is, to be legal corporations, yet they left to the particular founders authority to appoint what statutes they thought fit for the regulation of them. And not only the statutes, but the appointment of visitors was left to them, and the manner of government, and the several conditions, on which any persons were to be made or to continue partakers of their bounty.

bounty. But that which is particularly to be observed is, that these founders of colleges did take special care to prevent, as much as possible, all law suits among the members of their societies, as most destructive to the peace and unity of their body, and the tranquillity necessary for their studies; for they knew very well, that if any encouragement were given to suits at law, those places would in time become nurseries for attornies and solicitors, which would pervert the main design of their foundation. Walter de Merton, the first founder of a college in Oxford with revenues to support it, took such care about this, that he puts the case in his statutes, of a warden's being deprived; and knowing that men are apt to complain when they suffer, and to endeavour one way or other to be restored (which causeth great heats and animosities among the contending parties), therefore to prevent these mischievous consequences, he puts a chapter in on purpose in his statutes, that if such a case should happen, *nulla actio, nullum juris remedium canonici vel civilis habeat*. And so in the statutes of Exeter college, it is expressly mentioned, that if the rector be deprived by the commissary, he may appeal to the bishop as visitor; but if he be deprived by the visitor himself, then no farther appeal is allowed, nor any remedy *juris aut facti*. If the statutes did allow of *defensiones legitima*, as those of Magdalen college do; no doubt they may make use of them, within those bounds which the statutes allow: but here it is otherwise, for the persons deprived are bound to acquiesce in the sentence passed upon them; and that, with regard to the good of the college more than their own. And the true account (he says) of such causes first coming into Westminster hall was this: Soon after the restoration, one Dr Withrington, fellow of Christ's college in Cambridge, was deprived of his fellowship by the master and fellows; he appealed to the king's bench, and craved a mandamus to be restored. In the arguments in that cause, one of the learned judges of that court affirmed, that the first precedent of that kind was not above ten years before, during the time of Cromwell's usurpation. And that was the case of one Hern, who obtained a mandamus to restore him to a place he was deprived of in the university, when Glyn was chief justice. And the reason given was, because there was then no special visitor; for the archbishop of Canterbury was local visitor, and there was then no archbishop. After this, in the year 1655, one Crawford made application to the king's bench, to be restored to

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to the place of schoolmaster in Cambridge, of which he was deprived by the proper visitors, the master and fellows of Gonville and Caius college; and upon several arguments it was denied; and resolved, that no writ of restitution should be granted; but the matter was referred to the chancellor and others. And so the court of king's bench, in Dr Withrington's case, declared he could have no restitution from thence; because his appeal lay to the proper visitor; who was *fidei commissarius*, that is, the law trusted him with the discharge of his duty. In the 14 Car. 2. Dr Patrick was chosen master of Queen's college in Cambridge, by a majority of fellows; but another was admitted; upon which he appealed to the king's bench: but some of the judges said positively, that no writ ought to have been ever granted upon differences in colleges, and that the appeal lay to the local visitor, and not to the king's bench: It was then urged, that it was a matter of freehold, and that it was no spiritual corporation, but the appointing of a master was a temporal thing; notwithstanding, the chief justice declared, that it would shake the whole government of colleges, to give remedy in that court. In the 22 Car. 2. one Daniel Appleford was deprived by the local visitor, of his place in New-College: He brings the matter to the king's bench; where the lord chief justice Hale then sat: The case was argued by learned counsel on both sides: But the lord chief justice said, If there be a jurisdiction in the visitor, and he hath determined the matter, how will ye get over that sentence? and at this rate (he said) we may examine all suspensions and deprivations, and so where will there be an end? And finally, the bishop observed, that altho' it be very possible for a visitor to go beyond his bounds (for none are infallible), yet if such a case be put, it is better that one person suffer, than that the discipline, government, and peace of the college be in danger of being utterly destroyed. 2 Still. Case of Exeter college.

And the same doctrine appears to have been held and admitted, in Dr Bentley's case; for altho' the court did proceed to take cognizance in that cause, yet it was not for that they would interfere with the visitor's power, but because no visitor was set forth in the return to the mandamus: as will appear from the reports both of lord Raymond and Sir John Strange, upon the different arguings of that case in the court of king's bench. The case was thus:

T. 9 Geo. The king against the chancellor masters and scholars of the university of *Cambridge*. Mandamus to restore Richard Bentley to his academical degrees of bachelor of arts, master of arts, batchelor of divinity, and doctor of divinity. To this they return, that the university of Cambridge is an ancient university, and a corporation by prescription, consisting of a chancellor masters and scholars, who time out of mind have had the government and correction of the members, and for the encouragement of learning have conferred degrees, and for reasonable causes have used to deprive: That time out of mind there had been a court held before the chancellor or vice-chancellor, for the determining of all civil causes, where one of the parties is a member of the university: And that queen Elizabeth, by letters patent bearing date the 26th day of April in the third year of her reign, granted them cognizance of pleas, and to be a court of record: That in the 13 *Eliz.* this and all other charters of the university were confirmed by act of parliament: That at a court held the twenty third day of September 1718, according to the usage of the university, before Thomas Gooch, D. D. then vicechancellor, one Conyers Middleton, D. D. a member of the university, levied a plaint in debt for 4l. 6s. against the said Richard Bentley, and prayed process against him: That thereupon, according to the custom of the university, a process issued to Edward Clark the beadle, to compel the said Richard Bentley to appear at the next court: That before the return, the beadle waited upon the said Richard Bentley at his lodgings within the jurisdiction, and shewed him the process, and served him with it; and upon discourse between them concerning the process and the vicechancellor, Bentley contemptuously said, the process was illegal and unstatutable, and that he would not obey it; that he took the process out of the hands of the beadle, saying the vicechancellor was not his judge and that he acted foolishly: That at the next court, held the 3d of October 1718, Middleton appeared, and declared in debt for 4l. 6s; and the register of the court exhibited a deposition of the beadle touching the contempt; which being read, the said Richard Bentley, according to the usage of the university, was suspended from all his degrees: That time out of mind there hath been a custom, for the chancellor or vice-chancellor to summon a congregation, consisting of such and such particular members, who are specified in the return; who have used to examine and determine all matters

matters relating to the university, and to take away degrees for contumacy or other reasonable cause: That a congregation was held the 17th of October 1718, when the vicechancellor declared this whole matter to them, and desired their judgment upon it; after which, having read the deposition and the several acts of court, the said Richard Bentley by judgment of the congregation aforesaid was degraded: That he has not yet submitted himself to the authority of the said university: And therefore that for these causes (saving the authority of the university) they cannot restore him.

It was argued by Cheshyre serjeant for a peremptory mandamus; that the return was insufficient for the uncertainty in divers instances; that deprivation of academical degrees is now become a matter of great consequence, because there are many preferments and privileges which by act of parliament can only subsist in dignified clergymen, so that those degrees which at first were only titles of honour, do now affect men in their freeholds and possessions; that the causes alledged are none of them sufficient to warrant a suspension; that if they were sufficient, yet that the proceeding it self was illegal, and particularly because here was no notice given to Bentley, to come in and defend himself against the charge of contempt; that if the vicechancellor's suspension was legal, yet the deprivation by the congregation was not so, not only because also in this case there was no summons to appear before the congregation, but likewise because the accusation was not made out to them in a proper manner, being only upon the narration and report of the vice-chancellor.

On the other hand, it was argued by Comyns serjeant, for the university; that the nature of the proceeding at the suit of Dr Middleton, is no more than an outlawry or excommunication, to compel the appearance of the party; that the return amounts to shewing a jurisdiction to hold plea, an action properly instituted against him, his contempt to the court, for which he was suspended, and afterwards upon his non-submission deprived; that it is true, degrees in the universities were first introduced to encourage learning and learned men, but then it is no consequence that if learned men misbehave themselves they may not be suspended or deprived; that it is agreeable to the methods both of the common and civil law courts, to punish contemptuous words, without calling in the party, and giving him an opportunity to commit the

the like a second time; that the method of the whole proceeding both as to the suspension, and what was done by the congregation, being according to the course of their own courts, is right, altho' it may not tally with the method of common law proceedings.

Pratt chief justice: This is a case of great consequence, not only as to the gentleman who is deprived, but likewise as it will affect all the members of the university in general. I think the return hath fully justified us in sending the mandamus, as it shews that the power of the vicechancellor and the congregation is only to deprive for a reasonable cause; and as it is not pretended there is any visitor, or any other jurisdiction to examine into the reasonableness of the deprivation, but that of this court. It is the happiness of our constitution, that to prevent any injustice, no man is to be concluded by the first judgment; but that if he apprehends himself to be aggrieved, he hath another court to which he can resort for relief; for this purpose, the law furnishes him with appeals, with writs of error and false judgment: and left in this particular case the party should be remediless, it was become absolutely necessary for this court to require the university to lay the state of their proceedings before us; that if they have erred, the party may have right done him, or if they have acted according to the rules of law, that their acts may be confirmed. As to the proceeding against Dr. Bentley, it must be agreed, that the vicechancellor had cognizance of the cause, and so the suit was well instituted against him. I must likewise take the process to compel an appearance to be regular, being averred to be according to the course of that court. As to Dr. Bentley's behaviour upon being served with the process, I must say it was very indecent; and I can tell him if he had said as much of our process, we would have laid him by the heels for it: he is not to arraign the justice of the proceedings out of court, before an officer who hath no power to examine it. When he said the vicechancellor acted foolishly, it was what he might have been bound over for to his good behaviour; but I believe it is also established, that such a behaviour will not warrant a suspension or deprivation. I cannot think the evidence of this contempt was sufficient: it doth not appear to have been upon oath as it should have been. But be these matters how they will, yet surely he could never be deprived without notice. I do not observe but it is a total deprivation, and not temporary only, as was said
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at the bar. As to the proceedings before the congregation; it doth not appear they reheard the matter, any otherwise than by the relation of the vicechancellor: they should have adjudged all the facts again, and have averred, that the deprivation was for them: whereas the saying, that for these causes they deprived him, amounts to no more than that the vicechancellor told them so. The vicechancellor's authority ought to be supported, for the sake of keeping peace within the university; but then he must act according to law, which I do not think he has done in this case.

Powis justice assented.

Eyre justice: The university, unless they had a visitor, are certainly accountable to this court. As to the deprivation, I am not satisfied, that for a contempt to the vicechancellor's court, the congregation (which is another court) can deprive: for it is not a contempt to the university in general; and it is not said in the return, that for contempts to the vicechancellor the congregation can deprive. Every court hath a power to punish contempts to it self; but I never till now heard of one court's resenting a contempt to another. But surely for a contempt they cannot deprive: or if they could deprive, it can never be done without notice. Tho' the vicechancellor had jurisdiction in this matter, yet in virtue of our superintendency over all inferior jurisdictions, we must take care he do not abuse his authority. Thus we do prohibit the spiritual courts, till they give a copy of the libel, in all cases within their jurisdiction.

Fortescue justice: If they had returned a visitor, it would be something; but without that, they must submit to the judgment of this court; which is no more than exempt jurisdictions (as, the county palatine, which hath *jura regalia*) do. A deprivation can never be the proper punishment for a contempt; because it cannot hold in the case of under-graduates. I think the behaviour of Dr Bentley was a contempt, for which he might be bound to his good behaviour, as it was out of court. There is another thing considerable in this case, whether upon any account the university can deprive a man of his degrees; because he is in from the crown, whence the power originally flows. Besides, the objection for want of notice can never be got over. The laws both of God and man do give the party an opportunity to make his defence if he has any. *Str.* 557.

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Afterwards, *H. 10 Geo.* This case was argued a second time by Mr. Reeve for a peremptory mandamus; that indeed if the university had returned that the king was their visitor, as they might have done, it would have put an end to the dispute here; but not having returned that they had a visitor, if it appears by the return that the proceedings in the university have not been agreeable to the rules of justice, a peremptory mandamus ought to issue: That when degrees in the university are conferred upon a person, he hath thereby a freehold in them, and will be intitled to several privileges and advantages annexed to them by acts of parliament, of which this court must take notice: That as to the clause in queen Elizabeth's charter, that no other justice or judge shall intermit; this is no more than a grant of cognizance of pleas exclusive of other courts, and must be governed by the rules the law hath provided relating to such sort of grants, by which the courts above are not deprived absolutely of jurisdiction; for if an action is commenced in this court against a scholar of the university, the university may claim cognizance of the plea by virtue of these letters patent and the act of parliament, and if they make their claim properly and in time it must be allowed, and the proceedings here will be stopt; but if the university doth not make their claim the first day, this court will proceed notwithstanding this grant; and so it was held, *H. 11 An.* in the case of *Perne and Manners*, where an action upon the case was brought against the defendant, a member of the university, inhabiting within their jurisdiction; the bill was of Easter term 11 *An.* and the defendant had an imparlance till the first day of Trinity term following; after which, and before plea pleaded, the university of Cambridge by their attorney demanded cognizance, and set out the letters patent and act of parliament before mentioned; and the claim was disallowed, because it was not made the first day; and they held, that the act of parliament in this case made no difference, because it confirmed this franchise only as it was granted, namely, a grant of exclusive cognizance, but the claim of it must be according to the rules of the law. He admitted, that the facts set out in the return were contempts to the vicechancellor's court, which they might have punished, if they proceeded according to the rules of law. He said, that court was a court of record, and therefore might have set a fine, and imprisoned the party till it was paid, which is a proper punishment for a contempt;

tempt; but that suspension is not a proper punishment for a contempt: That a corporation cannot suspend a member of their body, for a contempt to one of their courts; and if they had returned a custom to suspend for a contempt, it would be an unreasonable custom, and void: That although the return is, that they may deprive for a reasonable cause, yet here is no reasonable cause; for it cannot be reasonable for the congregation to degrade for a contempt or contumacy to another court; and it is not said that he was guilty of contumacy to the congregation: And besides, that it came very oddly before the congregation; for it did not come by way of appeal, but by the vicechancellor's narration or report. But he relied upon it, that there was a fatal fault in the return, which could not be answered; which was, that it did not appear the doctor was summoned, or had notice of these proceedings against him, so that he had no opportunity to make his defence; and to condemn a person without hearing him, or giving him an opportunity of defending himself, is contrary to natural justice, and such proceedings have been always held illegal and void by this court.

York, attorney general, on the other side argued for the university. He said, as to the point of want of summons, he did admit, unless this case could be distinguished from the cases of members of corporations, it would be against the university. The case, he said, was of great consequence; because the franchises and privileges of the university were concerned on the one hand, and the rights and liberties of the members thereof on the other. He observed, that there were two general questions in this case: The one, whether a writ of mandamus will lie, to restore Dr Bentley to his academical degrees; the other, whether the cause of depriving the doctor of his degrees, set out in the return is sufficient, and the return good; as to the former, he said, that the court having already determined that the writ of mandamus was good and did well lie; he would acquiesce under that determination: but as the other side had agreed, that if the university had returned a visitor, it would have put an end to this mandamus; so he could not but observe, that if there was a visitor, if the doctor was aggrieved by these proceedings of the university, he might have made his application there. As to the second point, the return consisteth of two parts; first, the suspension by the vice chancellor's court; and secondly, the degradation

dation by the congregation. As to the former of these, namely, the validity of the suspension by the vicechancellor's court; it was objected (he observed) that Dr Bentley was not heard in that court against the contempt, and that it is against natural justice a man should be condemned without being heard: Unto which he answered, that it must be admitted there was no necessity that Dr Bentley should be actually heard; but if he had an opportunity to be heard, that would be sufficient: now he had an opportunity to be heard; for he was served with process to appear at the next court, and if he had paid obedience to that process, he had heard the charge against him, against which he might have made his defence: That there was no necessity to issue out a summons, or to give him new notice, to come and answer the contempt; for if a person commits a contempt to this court, or to the court of chancery, by declaring he will not obey the process of the court, by beating an officer executing the process of the court, or by speaking reflecting or contemptuous words of any of the judges, upon an affidavit made of the fact, he will be committed, without hearing him; for it is looked on to be a vain thing, when he hath committed a contempt before, to make a rule of court to give him an opportunity of committing a new contempt against it. This is the rule in this court, and in chancery; and it is also the rule in the canon and civil laws. And that is considerable in this case, because the proceeding of the vicechancellor's court is according to those laws. By the civil law they may proceed against a contumacious person, without any new citation. And the proceedings in the vicechancellor's court being according to the rules of the civil law, tho' this court should examine them, yet they must be examined according to the rules of that law. The cause of suit was within the jurisdiction of the vicechancellor's court, and this was a contempt in that cause; and if that court had a jurisdiction, all the objections as to the irregularity of the proceedings will be out of the case. Their proceedings are confirmed by the queen's letters patents, as far as she could do it; but the crown cannot erect a court to proceed according to the civil law by charter, therefore an act of parliament was necessary: an act accordingly passed, to confirm the letters patent, in which letters patent the exclusive words are exceeding strong, as well as the confirmation of all their liberties and privileges. But it hath been objected, that it is not enough

to say, Dr Bentley was suspended according to the custom of the university, but there ought to be a custom particularly set out for that purpose: To which he answered, that in proceedings in inferior courts, it is always allowed to say, they were according to the custom of the court. As to the objection, that suspension from the academical degrees, is not a proper punishment for a contempt to a court; he answered that by the rules of the civil law it is the only proper punishment. And it is like an outlawry in the temporal courts; it is to compel the party to come in and answer; and upon his doing that, the suspension is taken off. And these degrees cannot properly be called freeholds, nor civil temporal rights: they were originally only in nature of licences to professors in several professorships, and are now titles of distinction and precedence. The power of granting degrees flows from the crown. If the crown erects an university, the power of conferring degrees is incident to the grant. Some old degrees the university hath abrogated, some new ones they have erected; and they are taken notice of in acts of parliament for collateral purposes; and tho' the acts have annexed collateral privileges to them, that will not alter the nature of them, nor take away the power the university had over them before. It doth not follow, that if temporal rights are annexed to these degrees, the university would be deprived of their power of degrading. A bishop hath a freehold in his bishoprick, and a right to sit and vote in parliament; yet he may be deprived by his metropolitan. And if courts have a jurisdiction and power to proceed by rules different from the common law; this court will not examine into the regularity of their proceedings on a mandamus. And therefore if a mandamus is granted to restore a fellow of a college; if they return a visitor, tho' his sentence hath been irregular, it is not examinable here. So if the ecclesiastical court excommunicate a person without a citation; this court will not grant a prohibition, but the party must appeal. When a prohibition is granted to the vicechancellor's court, for not granting a copy of a libel; that is by reason of the express words of an act of parliament. And if an act of parliament should enact, that no certiorari should lie, to remove convictions of justices of the peace for such and such offences; tho' the justices should convict the party without summoning him, no certiorari would be granted by this court, to remove such a conviction. As to the objection, that by this means
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the vicechancellor's court would have an uncontrollable jurisdiction without appeal, and that it is unreasonable a man should be concluded by the first determination; he answered that an appeal lay from the vicechancellor's court to the congregation. And then as to the degradation by the congregation; he said, that the whole proceeding against Dr Bentley ought to be considered as the act of the court of the university. For by the letters patent the grant is to the chancellor masters and scholars, that they, to wit, the chancellor masters and scholars, which is the whole body of the university, and their local tenentes, should have cognizance; and therefore the congregation are to be considered as the judges of the court, and the vicechancellor only as their official; that the court usually held before the vicechancellor, might be held before the congregation; that by the civil law, where there is a commissary, he hath only part of the jurisdiction, the rest remains in the ordinary, and that the ordinary may proceed upon a report made by his official. So there, the congregation might proceed upon the report of the vicechancellor, which in this case he made to them. As to the objection, which he said had been made, that if the degradation stood, Dr Bentley would be deprived of his degrees, without ever being heard, without prospect of being restored; he answered, that this was but in nature of a process to compel Dr Bentley to appear; and that it is the general rule of all courts, and of all laws, that when the party comes and clears his contempt, he shall be restored: that this privilege of suspending degrees, and degrading, was agreeable to the privileges which all other universities enjoyed; and that it was necessary, that universities should have a summary method of proceeding. For which reasons he insisted, the return was good, and that no peremptory mandamus ought to issue.

Mr. Reeve, by way of reply, insisted, that tho' great stress had been laid upon the allegations in the return in its several parts, that the facts were done according to the custom of the university, this was not sufficient to make the return good. For the grant in the letters patent of queen Elizabeth is, that the university should hold a court according to their laws and customs before that time used; therefore if they have a method of proceeding by the civil law, which hath been always used, that ought to have been averred specially; and without it, this court cannot take notice of it under that general allegation,

but must intend the proceedings are according to the rules of the common law. It is true, in cases of inferior courts, such an allegation is enough, because their proceedings are agreeable to the common law; but if the rules of the common law are to be excluded, such a custom must be specially set out. And as to the objection, that the vicechancellor's court is part of the congregation, and that the congregation is held before the whole body; the first is not alledged so to be in the return; and as to the last, the congregation consists of the chancellor or vicechancellor, or his locum tenens, and the regents and non-regents, which is not the whole body of the university.

On the 7th of February 1723, the lord chief justice Pratt delivered the opinion of the court, that the return was ill; because since it is not shewn in the return, that the proceedings in the vicechancellor's court or the congregation are according to the rules of the civil law, they must be intended to be agreeable to the rules of the common law; and if so, it not appearing the party hath any redress by applying to another court, this court will relieve him, if he hath been proceeded against, and degraded, without being heard, which is contrary to natural justice. This case therefore will fall under the rules for removing of members of corporations; which cannot be done without summoning the party, and giving him an opportunity of being heard. The cases determined upon that head are so numerous, and the rule so well settled and known, that it cannot now be disputed; for want of doing which, the suspension or degradation cannot be supported. And therefore a peremptory mandamus was granted. *L. Raym. 1334.*

H. 9 G. 2. Dr Walker's case. A mandamus was directed to Dr Richard Walker, vicemaster of Trinity college in Cambridge, reciting the statutes of the college, and that thereby it was ordained, that in case the master of the said college should at any time be examined before the visitor the bishop of Ely, and be lawfully convicted before the said visitor of dilapidation of the goods of the college, or violation of the statutes, he should without delay be deprived of the office of master by the vicemaster of the said college, and that without appeal: And that a cause of office was lately depending before Thomas lord bishop of Ely, then and still visitor, at the promotion of Robert Jackson clerk, one of the fellows of the said college, against Dr Richard Bentley master of the said college,

lege, for dilapidation of the goods of the said college and violation of the statutes, wherein several articles were exhibited for that purpose, and that a prohibition and afterwards a consultation was awarded upon the said articles to the said bishop of Ely the visitor: And that the said bishop, having considered the evidence on both sides, did adjudge as visitor aforesaid, that the said Dr Richard Bentley was guilty of dilapidation, and violation of the statutes, and thereby incurred the penalty of deprivation of his office; which said sentence is still in force: And that it is the duty of the said Richard Walker as vicemaster, to execute the said sentence, by depriving the said Dr Richard Bentley of his office of master: And that the said Dr Walker, having had due notice of the sentence, and being duly required to deprive him, neglects and refuses so to do: The writ therefore commands him without delay to deprive the said Dr Bentley of the said office of master of the said college, or to shew cause to the contrary. Dr Walker returns, that the statute appointing the bishop of Ely visitor is void; and that the college being of royal foundation, the king only is visitor. By lord Hardwicke chief justice: There are two things which seem to be aimed at by this writ and return, which I do not see that the court can do; first, to aid the jurisdiction of the bishop of Ely as visitor; secondly, to determine that the king is general visitor. But the writ in this case is *felo de se*; for it suggests that the bishop is visitor of the college, and if so, he may visit, and remove, or punish the vicemaster, and we could do no more: And on the contrary, if the king be visitor, as the return suggests, you may apply to the king for him to visit. And on the last day of the term, the court quashed the writ of mandamus; but said they did not intend it should be understood, that they had thereby determined whether the king or the bishop is general visitor. *Cas. Hardwicke, 212.*

In the case of the *King and the bishop of Ely, E. 23 G. 2.* This case came to be considered, whether the bishop of Ely was visitor or not; but not determined. The case was, a rule was made to shew cause, why a mandamus should not go to the bishop of Ely, commanding him to hear an appeal made to him as visitor of Trinity college in Cambridge, by Dr Edward Vernon, who has therein complained, that he has been wrongfully deprived of his senior fellowship in the college, contrary to the statutes thereof, made upon affidavits that the bishop declined hearing the appeal, until he could be satisfied that

he had a right to visit the college. By Lee chief justice; it appears from the affidavits, that there has been an appeal to the bishop as visitor; that the bishop has declined exercising any visitatorial power, in order to take the opinion of this court whether he has any right to exercise it. This is a controverted question, and it is not at all clear to the court who is visitor; and if we had seen and read all the statutes of the college, we have no authority to determine who is visitor, that being the proper province of a jury.—And the rule was discharged. *1 Wilson*, 266.

But altho' the king's courts may not interfere with regard to the private statutes of the society, as established by the founder; yet as to the publick laws of the land, it seemeth that they may interfere, for over these the founder could give to the visitor no exclusive jurisdiction. As in the case of *St John's college in Cambridge, M. 5 W.* By the act of the *1 W.* it was enacted, that if any governor, head, or fellow of any college or hall in either of the universities, should neglect or refuse to take the oaths, for six months after the first day of August then next following; such government, headship, or fellowship should be void. Several of the fellows of that college had not taken the oaths pursuant to the statute, and thereupon a mandamus was directed to Humprey Gower, head of that college, setting forth the act, and that such fellows had not taken the oaths, and that they still continued in their fellowships: therefore by this writ they were commanded to remove them, or to shew cause. They return, that the college was founded by Margaret countess of Richmond; that the bishop of Ely for the time being was by her appointed visitor; and on their behalf it was objected, that a mandamus is a remedial writ; that no precedent can be produced where it hath been granted to expel persons, but always to restore them to places of which they had been deprived; and that it will not lie, where there is a local and proper visitor. But by Holt chief justice: The visitor is made by the founder, and is the proper judge of the laws of the college; he is to determine offences against these private laws; but where the law of the land is disobeyed, (as it is in this case) the court of king's bench will take notice thereof, notwithstanding the visitor; and the proper remedy to put the law in execution is by a mandamus. But the cause was adjourned. And in the act of the *1 G. c. 13.* for taking the oaths in like manner, it is specially provided,

provided; that the court of king's bench by mandamus shall compel a person to be admitted into a place vacated for want of taking the oaths as aforesaid. 4 Mod. 233. *Viner. Mandamus. H. 2.*

Also, where there is a particular trust to be executed by the college, a court of equity will interfere to carry that trust into execution. As in the case of *Green and Rutherford*, May 23, 1750. The plaintiff exhibited his bill against the master, fellows, and scholars of St John's college in Cambridge, to oblige Dr Rutherford to deliver up a presentation made by the college of him to the rectory and parish church of *Barrow* in *Suffolk*, to restrain his having institution and induction thereon, and to present the plaintiff under their common seal; setting forth, that Dr John Bowton, a fellow of the said college, by his will devised to the master, fellows, and scholars of the said college, and their successors, the perpetual advowson of this rectory in trust, that whenever the church shall be void, they shall present one of his name and kindred, if there be any such capable thereof in the college; if no such, then that they present the senior divine then fellow of the college; and on his refusal, the next senior divine, and so downward: That the last incumbent dying, it was offered to the senior fellow, and on his refusal to the next, till it came to the plaintiff's turn as next senior on the divinity line, who offered to take it; but the defendant insisted, that he, being doctor in divinity, was to be considered as the person described by the testator, and interposed by appeal to the bishop of Ely as visitor; on hearing which, the bishop was of opinion, that Dr Rutherford was within the description of the will, and therefore required them to present him. The plaintiff insisted, that as the advowson was devised to the college under particular trust by a third person (not the founder), the visitor had not jurisdiction to determine of the presentation, or to interpose in execution of the trust; and therefore prays, that the presentation may be cancelled, and that the college may be directed to present him as intitled under the trust of the will. Dr Rutherford pleaded to the jurisdiction of the court. By Sir John Strange master of the rolls, and the lord chancellor Hardwicke: If this had been a general bequest of an advowson to the college, without any particular trust annexed, it would have fallen under the general regulations controuling all the other property of that nature, as an object of the visitatorial power; but this is circumscribed
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by particular, express trust, inconsistent with the regulations by which the other property is to be governed, and therefore proper for the jurisdiction of this court, standing on special circumstances peculiar to it self; which puts an end to the visitor's power over it. If it had been devised to a stranger on the same trust, there could then be no pretence to say that in such case the visitor would have had any power over it, but the college must have been obliged to apply to this court to compel the execution. And it cannot differ the case, that the college happened to be the trustees. Suppose it had been on trust to present a member of another college, the visitor of this could have no power over it; and the present case differs not in substance from that.—And the plea to the jurisdiction, as being in the visitor, was over-ruled. *1 Vezey, 462.*

Return of a visitor by affidavit.

7. *T. 13 G. 2. The King and Whaley.* A mandamus was granted, directed to the defendant as master of Peter-house college in the university of Cambridge, to admit Thomas Rogers to a fellowship of that college, upon affidavit of his election. A motion was made to supersede this writ, upon affidavits of there being a visitor, namely, the bishop of Ely. But the court put the master to make a return, and refused to determine the point upon affidavits, where the other party had no opportunity to right himself by an action. *Str. 1139.*

Visitor must pursue his power, otherwise he will be prohibited.

8. *T. 6 G. 2. Bentley against the bishop of Ely.* In prohibition, Dr Bentley the plaintiff declared, that king Henry the eighth on the 19th of December in the 13th year of his reign founded Trinity college in Cambridge, and that queen Elizabeth made a body of statutes, the fortieth whereof is intitled *De magistris si res exigat amotione*; and speaking of the bishop of Ely, there are the words *corrigat, puniat, expellat*: that he was cited to appear before the bishop as special visitor appointed by the said 40th statute of Elizabeth, to answer to sixty-four articles, which are insisted upon as violations of the statutes, some of which are long before the last act of grace, and others of them are for setting the college seal in conjunction with the fellows. The bishop for a consultation sets out a former statute of *Edw. 6.* in these words, *visitor episcopus Eliensis sit*; and avers that he is visitor general, and as such hath a right to proceed upon the articles. And on demurrer, after several arguments, these points were ruled:

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First, that tho' several of the facts charged appear to be before the act of grace; yet they are not pardoned by that statute, but are still inquirable by the visitor. There are two sorts of corporations, one for publick government, the other for private charities. The former of these are governed by the common law; but the latter is the creature of the founder, and governed by his private laws. Not that the particular persons are exempted from the common law, but the body in general is: and as these are private laws, they are in the nature of trusts, and the breach of them is no crime cognizable by the common law. The king's power of pardoning ariseth from his having the executive power in him; and tho' in this case the king is founder, yet the breach of his private statutes are not crimes against the crown. The crimes pardoned are such as are against the publick laws and statutes of the realm; whereas these are in the nature of domestick rules for the better ordering of a private family.

Secondly, that tho' several of the crimes imputed to him, for violations of the statutes of the college, appear to have been done by him in conjunction with others; yet that is no reason to exclude the inquiry of the visitor. If a whole body join together in doing an unlawful act, they are severally punishable in their natural capacity.

Thirdly, that by the statute of *Edw. 6.* the bishop of Ely and his successors are appointed general visitors; it being *Episcopus Eliensis* without any christian name, which shall extend to the bishop and his successors without the words *for the time being*.

Fourthly, that tho' the three former determinations are in favour of the suit below, yet the prohibition ought to stand; because the bishop hath not cited the doctor upon the foot of his general visitatorial power, but as a special visitor appointed by the 40th statute of *Eliz.* which the court said, he was not. For being before appointed general visitor, there remained no further power in the crown with regard to enlarging the visitatorial power. They said it was a question they would not determine, whether when the crown has given statutes and appointed a visitor, the successor can any way alter or annul the former statutes: the practice indeed has been otherwise; but it hath never been determined to be good. For this last reason, they were all of opinion, that the prohibition ought to stand.

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Note, upon a writ of error in parliament, this judgment was reversed; and the lords went into the consideration of the several articles, and as to some granted a prohibition, and as to others a consultation. *Sir. 912.*

9. *E. 1 Geo. 2. K.* and the bishop of *Chester*. Mandamus directed to the bishop as warden of Manchester college, to admit a chaplain. The bishop returns, that by the royal foundation, he is appointed visitor. And upon argument it was objected, that tho' a mandamus will not lie where there is a visitor free from any objection, yet here the two offices being in the same person, he cannot visit himself; and no case can be shewn, where the founder hath once granted the whole out of him, and on such a temporary suspension it hath resulted back. And by the court; it is plain he cannot visit now; because his power is suspended; and these are powers that may cease, and revive, without inconvenience; since there is this court to resort to. In a lay corporation, the founder and his heirs are visitors; in a spiritual corporation, the jurisdiction is here, unless there be an express visitor appointed: the ground of our interposing in this case is, that at present there is no other visitatorial power in being. And a peremptory mandamus was granted. *Sir. 797.*

Afterwards, an act of parliament was made, 2 *G. 2. c. 29.* empowering the king to visit the collegiate church of Manchester, during such time as the wardenship of the said church is or shall be held in commendam with the bishoprick of Chester.

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10. *H. 30 G. 2.* The master and senior fellows of *St John's college* in *Cambridge*, against the reverend *Thomas Todington*, clerk. It was moved in behalf of the master and senior fellows of the said college for a prohibition; to prohibit the bishop of *Ely* from proceeding as supposed visitor of the said college, on an appeal promoted by the said *Mr Todington* for their not electing him fellow.

The suggestion stated, that the bishop of *Ely* for the time being is not visitor of the said college, as to elections into fellowships or other offices in the said college, nor hath any visitatorial power or jurisdiction whatsoever over the master and fellows of the said college or any of them in that respect;

That by an indenture tripartite, made the 27th day of October in the 22d year of the reign of king Henry the eighth, between Sir Anthony Fitzherbert, knight, then one of the king's justices of his common pleas, and John

Keton,

Keton, doctor in divinity, and canon of the cathedral church of Salisbury, on one part; the chapter of Southwell, on the second part; and the then master, fellows, and scholars of the college of St John aforesaid, on the third part; it was covenanted and agreed between the said parties, for them, their heirs and successors for ever, in form following: That is to say,

That the said master fellows and scholars of St John's aforesaid had granted for them and their successors for ever, unto the said Dr Keton, that he for himself, at the nomination and appointment as thereafter should be expressed, should have two fellows and two scholars founded and sustained at the costs only of the said master fellows and scholars within the college of St John aforesaid, there to continue for ever of his foundation, over and above other fellows and scholars there founded or thereafter to be founded by the foundress of the said college or any other person that then had given or thereafter should give lands or goods to such purpose or intent:

That the said master fellows and scholars of the said college thereby covenanted and granted unto the said Sir Anthony Fitzherbert, Dr Keton, and to the said chapter, and to their heirs and successors, that the said fellows and scholars of the foundation of the said Dr Keton, should have and enjoy all manner of profits, as well meat drink and wages, as all other commodities easements and liberties, like and in as large manner as other fellows and scholars of the same college (by the foundress's foundation of the same college) then had, or in time then coming should have, in any manner of wise, at the proper costs and charges of the same master fellows and scholars of the college of St John aforesaid, and their successors for ever:

That the same master fellows and scholars by the said indenture covenanted and granted unto the said Sir Anthony Fitzherbert, Dr Keton, and chapter of Southwell, and to their heirs and successors, that the same two fellows of the foundation of the said Dr Keton, should receive of the said master fellows and scholars and their successors every year 11 6s 8d, over and above the wages limited to other fellows of the foundress's foundation; that is to say, to either of them 13s 4d, at the feasts of Easter and St Michael yearly, by even portions:

That the said master fellows and scholars thereby covenanted and granted, for them and their successors, unto the said Sir Anthony Fitzherbert and Dr Keton, and the longer liver of them, that they from thenceforth should

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have the nomination and election of the said fellows and scholars during their lives natural; and after the decease of the said Sir Anthony and Dr Keton, then the said fellows and scholars should be at the nomination and election of the said master fellows and scholars of the college of St John aforesaid, and of their successors for ever, after and according to such ordinance and writing as the said Dr Keton should thereof make and declare by his last will or otherwise:

Provided always, that the said fellows and scholars should be elected and chosen of those persons that be or had been choiristers of the chapter of Southwell aforesaid, if any such able persons in manners and learning could be found in Southwell aforesaid; and in default of such persons there, then of such persons as had been choiristers of the said chapter of Southwell, which persons should be then inhabitant or abiding in the said university of Cambridge; and if none such should be found able in the university aforesaid, then the same fellows and scholars to be elected and chosen of such persons as should be most singular in manners and learning, of what country soever they should be that should be then abiding in the same university.

That the said master fellows and scholars covenanted and granted by the said indenture, unto the said Sir Anthony Fitzherbert and Dr Keton, and to the said chapter, their heirs and successors, that when the said two fellowships and scholarships or any of them should be vacant, then immediately at the then next time of election of fellows or scholars of the said college limited by the statutes of the college of St John aforesaid, other fellow or fellows scholar or scholars as the case should require should be elected named and chosen by the said master fellows and scholars, according to these covenants and agreements, and according to such ordinances or will as the said Dr Keton should thereof make and declare:

That it was covenanted and agreed by the said indenture, that the said master fellows and scholars of St John aforesaid, and also the fellows and scholars of the foundation of the said Dr Keton, at the time of their admission, should be sworn to observe and keep the statutes and ordinances that then were made, or thereafter should be made, by the said Dr Keton, for the foundation of the said fellows and scholars; so that the said statutes should be conformable with the statutes of the foundress of the said college.

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For the which all and singular the premisses well and truly to be observed and kept by the said master fellows and scholars and their successors in manner and form as is aforesaid, that is to say, as well for the elections and admissions of the said fellows and scholars, and for their finding, and for wages yearly to be paid to the same, with all other liberties commodities and profits likewise pertaining unto them, as for all other covenants and agreements, with all and singular the premisses, according to the ordinance above rehearsed; the said Dr Keton had contented given and paid, to the said master fellows and scholars, in money plate and jewels, the value of 400 l:

That it was covenanted and agreed by the said indenture between the said parties, for them and their successors, that if the said master fellows and scholars and their successors should fail in taking admitting or receiving of the said fellows and scholars, in any time of election next after the avoidance, and they should not be chosen nor admitted into the said college according to the ordinances and agreements above rehearsed, or should not have and enjoy their full commodities and profits as is aforesaid; that then the aforesaid master fellows and scholars and their successors should forfeit as well to the said Sir Anthony Fitzherbert and Dr Keton, as to the chapter of Southwell, and to their heirs and successors, in the name of a penalty or pain, for every default made or no due election of the said fellows and scholars or any of them 20 s, for every month that it should happen the said fellows and scholars not to be chosen nor admitted into the said college as is aforesaid, or restrained of any profits commodities or easements as is aforesaid; and that then it should be lawful as well to the said Sir Anthony Fitzherbet and Dr Keton for their part, as to the said chapter of Southwell, and their heirs and successors for their part, into the manors of Marslete and Myllington in the county of York and into the manor of Little Markham in the county of Nottingham to enter and distrain for the same 20 s and the arrears of the same, for every time or times of forfeiture; and the distress to withhold until the said 20 s, with the arrearages of the same, should be to them well and truly satisfied contented and paid:

That the said Dr Keton did not at any time, by his last will or otherwise, make or declare any statute or ordinance, other than what was contained in the said above recited indenture, of or concerning the said fellowships

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called Southwell fellowships, or of or concerning either of them.

The suggestion also stated, that an appeal had been made to the bishop as visitor of the college by the said Thomas Todington, complaining that the said master and senior fellows had unduly elected William Craven, clerk, into one of the Southwell fellowships founded by the said Dr Keton, and had refused to elect him into the said fellowship, notwithstanding he had been a choirister of Southwell, and was otherwise duly qualified according to the indenture of foundation; and that they had been served with the bishop's citation and process upon the said appeal; and therefore they prayed a prohibition.

Upon shewing cause, the statutes given to the college in the time of queen Elizabeth, and by which the college hath ever since been governed, were laid before the court; and also Dr Keton's indenture.

During the argument, the counsel for the college having insisted much upon their being permitted to declare in prohibition; the court, for saving expence to the parties, and in order that the matter might be fully heard and yet determined in a summary way upon motion, directed that bishop Fisher's statutes, by which the college was governed before the making the statutes of Elizabeth, should also be laid before the court; as these statutes might give some light to the construction of Dr Keton's indenture, which was made during the time these statutes were in force; which was done accordingly: So that this case should be determined upon the whole of the evidence which either party could lay before the court.

The counsel who shewed cause against the prohibition, made three questions: 1. Whether the bishop is general visitor of the college, as to the election of fellows. 2. Whether there is any thing in this particular fellowship, which will exempt it from his visitation; being it is an ingrafted or annexed foundation. 3. Whether the power of distress is not the only remedy; or, in other words, whether (notwithstanding) the bishop's power doth not still subsist.

As to the first; they argued, that the college was founded in the second year of Hen. 8. from a priory collegiate, belonging to the bishop of Ely; of which the bishop was visitor: By law (by Holt chief justice) he is so; therefore he did still remain so. The bishop of Ely was visitor under Dr Fisher's statutes; and the said Dr

Fisher reserved a power, of altering, interpreting, or giving new statutes; yet the power of coercion is wholly left to the bishop of Ely, and he has the whole executive power in him. The statute *de Visitatore* makes him visitor: *Episcopo Eliensi commendamus*. No set form of words is necessary to appoint a visitor. And if he is visitor, all other powers are incident to his office. And the words of the said statute shew the extent of his authority, when he visits *ex officio*. And no objection can arise upon it, but he may visit. There is a clause in one of the statutes of Elizabeth, which fixes the expence of his visitation; which shews, that he was before in possession of this power. When Dr Keton's foundation was made, the college was governed by Fisher's statutes. Dr Keton reserved a power to himself to make statutes touching his own fellows: He made none: If he had, they were to be conformable to the statutes of the college: As he made none, and his fellows were by the indenture to be paid out of the revenue of the college, and were to have the same power and right as foundation fellows, and were to obey the same statutes; by this means Dr Keton made them subject to the same statutes and the same visitor. Dr Keton reserved no power to his heirs to give statutes. By the indenture, the right of election is given to the master fellows and scholars; but Dr Keton's fellows usually have been, as the rest are, elected by the master and fellows only. The statutes of Elizabeth are still more plain: They recognize him by name to be visitor: He is expressly so appointed: The power must be somewhere; and no body else ever claimed it: The exercise of it is an evidence of the right, and implies a grant of it. For which purpose was cited the case of Dr Martin against the archbishop of *Canterbury* as visitor of *Merton* college in *Oxford*, T. 11 & 12 G. 2. This was the case of a private fellowship: It was contended by Dr Martin, that the bishop of Winchester was visitor: The other side shewed, that the archbishop had exercised this power, but the bishop of Winchester never had: An objection was taken, that as the case was doubtful, a prohibition was proper: By the court, The long usage will not give a right, yet it is a strong evidence of it; and a prohibition was denied.

Upon the second question it was argued, that different visitors of different foundations, would be productive of great confusion and perpetual disputes: That half of the fellows of the college are ingrafted, yet all take the same

oath, and are all to be governed by queen Elizabeth's statutes; there is no exemption in those statutes; and Dr Keton's foundation was made long before; and they all swear to obey the statutes of Elizabeth.

As to the third question; By the indenture the college agree, these fellows shall have the same rights as foundation fellows had: An appeal to the visitor was one of those rights; and the law has great respect to rights: The penalty or forfeiture does not lessen the right; they were two independent things: It is inadequate; it cannot take away the antecedent right of a third person: The candidate has one right, and the bishop another, and the chapter of Southwell another: The two first are remedial; the last is a right to punish: The penalty gives no relief to the candidate; but if it did, where a party hath several remedies, he may take which he pleases. Distress was originally applicable to rent; yet if it was recovered by action, the rent notwithstanding must be paid; tho' a penalty be given, yet the specific remedy is not lost.

In support of the rule for a prohibition, it was argued; The power of a visitor is arbitrary, and yet conclusive in the first instance. All fundatory rights arise from the property of the donor. A founder has the nomination of his visitor; and unless he dispose of this power, it remains to his heirs; and if he die without heirs, it goes to the crown. It is settled, that a founder, or his heirs (if he does it not), may make a visitor; may give him partial, or general powers; if partial ones, and he exceeds them, that excess becomes a nullity, and lets in the law; and this court, whether they can give relief or not, will see that these jurisdictions keep within their bounds, and will grant a prohibition where there is such excess of power, as well as where there is no power at all.

If Dr Keton made no visitor, the power remains in his heir; and if no heir, it is in the crown. Where there is a probability of doubt, whether the party to be prohibited is doing right or not; the court always gives him liberty to declare in prohibition, otherwise the party would be without remedy.

2 *P. Will.* 325. was cited to shew, that a visitatorial power is not by implication to be inferred. It must depend upon a direct appointment.

The arguments drawn from the word *visitor*, are not conclusive. For the word is not used with any designation of the power. A man may make an executor, to execute one part of his will; and another executor for another

another part. So a visitor for a particular purpose, cannot (because he is so) be a general visitor.

We admit the bishop visitor for some purposes, but not a general visitor. He is limited by the statutes, in the time, the objects, the manner and form of his visitation.

It is objected, that the words *visitor*, in Dr Bentley's case, were held sufficient to make the bishop of Ely general visitor. But that was not the ground of the judgment. Lord Raymond considered in that case what the crown had in view; that they meant to make a general visitor over all persons and all things; there was no reservation in the crown to make new statutes, as there is in this case; and the great doubt was, whether the crown should take the right vested in the bishop out of him; and if queen Elizabeth's statutes had not been accepted, the crown should not have resumed that power.

The power given by the statutes of this college to the vicechancellor in certain cases, and to the masters of Trinity, King's, and Christ's colleges, are inconsistent with a general visitor. Queen Elizabeth reserves to herself the power of giving new, and of interpreting these statutes; and interdicts therein the bishop or vicechancellor. By the statutes the bishop must be called in: and he is limited within fifteen days. A single person cannot call him to visit. Dr Keton's foundation being antecedent to queen Elizabeth's statutes, and bishop Fisher's statutes being those which the college was governed by at that time; queen Elizabeth could not make his foundation subject to the bishop of Ely's visitatorial power. Trinity hall hath the same statutes as Caius college; and yet they have not the same visitor.

The case of *Green and Rutherford* is here not applicable. That was a mere trust; and therefore the bishop could have nothing to do with it. Lord Hardwicke could only determine upon the statutes in the defendant's plea. But all the statutes being now before the court; and there appearing powers and provisions made by them, inconsistent with the bishop's power as general visitor; this court will determine otherwise.

The *nomine pœnæ* is a common law right; and the visitor hath nothing to do with it. A specific remedy is provided, and to be had elsewhere, and not from the bishop of Ely. By the indenture, the power of distress is given to Dr Keton, Fitzherbert, and the chapter of Southwell, their heirs and successors. The remedy is not inadequate; for, if followed, it will come to the

same thing. The chapter of Southwell are only trustees for Todington; and if he is injured, he may in equity, shewing his proprietary right, compel them to distrain; and if he does, the college must ultimately come here; and the right being determined at law for him, the court will grant a mandamus to admit him to the fellowship. And this is the ground, why the prohibition should go; because this court will not suffer the power of a visitor to be exercised wrongfully.

By lord Mansfield chief justice: : *May it be remembered*

I was very desirous to see if any further light could be had in this case, from the ancient constitution of the college; and therefore directed that bishop Fisher's statutes should be looked into, and laid before the court.

It was insisted upon in the first argument, that the court should at least give the plaintiff leave to declare in prohibition; that this matter might receive a more solemn determination. But I own I had strong objections to it then; and I will now say a few things upon that head, before I come to the merits of this case.

When the court inclines to grant a motion for a prohibition, there the defendant has a sort of right to insist, that the plaintiff shall declare in prohibition. But where the opinion of the court is against granting a prohibition, the plaintiff has no such right to insist upon declaring in prohibition. We cannot compel the plaintiff in prohibition to declare; but the statute of 8 & 9 W. c. 11. makes him liable to costs; nor can we, for the same reason, compel the defendant to defend against his will.

Only consider what would be the consequence in such a case as this, if the court was to permit the plaintiff to declare. It would have many bad consequences. A fellowship is a temporary support; and sometimes is limited to a certain number of years. Is the promoter (or fellow) to take upon himself the expence of such a suit, which may go through all the forms of law, even to a writ of error, only because the plaintiff asks it? Or is the visitor to do it? If neither of them will do it, the consequence will be, that every college shall do as they please, and may do this even in a case where the authority of a visitor is well founded.

Having said thus much in a case where the court is against the prohibition, I must add, that it is much better and more convenient to all parties, to have this matter determined in a summary way.

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I come now to the merits of the question. I must own I am confirmed in the same opinion I was of, when this matter was first stated to the court.

There are two general questions :

1. Whether the bishop of Ely is visitor of this college, as to the election of fellows ; for that is the point which is put and insisted upon in the suggestion ; and the master and senior fellows only complain.

2. Suppose the bishop is such a visitor, and may visit the fellows upon the old foundation ; yet whether he may exercise that power upon Dr Keton's fellowships, which are ingrafted fellowships.

I will make here some observations, and lay down some general rules, concerning this power of a visitor.

This power, tho' a summary one, is certainly very convenient for these learned bodies. It has often been so considered by themselves. It is called *forum domesticum*. The exercise of it is in no case more convenient, than in that of elections. When the qualifications and proprieties of candidates are to be determined ; what confusion would be made, if these were to be determined at the common law, and the party who had the right were yet kept out of the profits in the mean time !

But be this power convenient or not ; we must take it as it is established by law.

When there is a visitor, he is so without appeal ; as it was adjudged in the case of *Philips and Bury*.

Having premised this, I will mention some of the rules concerning this power.

The law considers these foundations in two lights ; first, as they are corporations ; and in this respect they are creatures of the crown's charter, governed by the law of the land. Secondly, as they are eleemosynary : and in this respect they are creatures of the founder's bounty, and subject to the power of visitation.

The founder may delegate his visitatorial power ; either generally, or specially. He may do this either by general words, or he may prescribe a mode for the exercise of any part of this power. But if a mode of visitation is prescribed, in any particular case ; that will not take away the general powers incidental to the office of a visitor ; of which powers that of determining concerning elections hath been held to be one. *Sit visitor* has been held a sufficient appointment, and to give all powers incidental to the office. No set form of words is necessary. You must look into the whole tenor

of the statutes, to see whether the power be given, or intended to be given.

When the statutes in question were made, visitatorial power was not so well understood, as it has been since, and is at this day.

A founder may split this power into a number of statutes for particular cases, and yet the court may consider upon the whole who is general visitor.

In the case of *Clare Hall* in Cambridge, *Attorney General* against *Talbot*, *H.* 1747. Lord Harwicke argued, that there was a general visitor. One of the statutes directed, that the chancellor of the university should visit yearly, if any thing wanted to be corrected. A second statute gave him power to interpret the statutes. A third statute reserved to the countess of Clare a power to give new statutes, but expressly excluded her heir from doing so; and there were no general words appointing the chancellor to be visitor. But as the heir was expressly excluded from giving new statutes, and the chancellor of the university had power to interpret and to visit, altho' not expressly appointed visitor; yet lord Hardwicke held he was a general visitor.

I take this to be clear, that a founder may appoint a visitor with general power; and yet except particular powers in particular cases.

These being the general rules relating to visitatorial power; I will now consider this case upon the statutes themselves.

The present constitution of the college must be taken as it stands upon the statutes of Elizabeth. The old statutes or old constitution are no otherwise material, than as they may serve to give light to the new ones, which refer to them. As in the construction of an act of parliament, an old statute may give light to the construction of a new one.

The question is, whether upon these statutes the bishop is general visitor of the college, except in special cases provided for in the statutes.

In case where a body of statutes is given by a founder, I doubt whether a visitor can give or make new statutes, unless power is given him for that purpose.

Where there are no statutes to prohibit him, there are cases wherein injunctions have been given by a visitor. I observe this, because upon these statutes I observe a jealousy in the founder, that the right of giving statutes might not be taken from the crown (the heir of the founder)

The bishop was to be visitor, not legislator. He was to give no new statutes. By the statutes the legislative power is preserved to the crown.

It hath been held (in Dr Bentley's case), that where a body of statutes hath been already given, the crown (tho' the founder) cannot alter them without the consent of the college.

Here the power of making statutes is expressly reserved to the crown, and is particularly guarded. And if the bishop acts contrary to the statutes, he acts contrary to his authority.

The provision made in Chap. 45. *De modo procedendi contra magistrum*, wherein the vicechancellor, the masters of Trinity, Christ's and King's colleges are to interpose, amounts to an exception of the general visitatorial power, in that particular case. So in other particular cases. But the question is, whether all the rest of the visitatorial power is not in the bishop.

This depends upon three statutes: Chap. 2. *De electione magistri*. Chap. 50. *De ambigu*. And Chap. 51. *De visitatore*. It is observable, that Chap. 2. refers to the bishop as the known visitor of the college, and by words which make him a visitor—*ad collegii visitatorem veniatur*: And though this statute doth not describe him by name as visitor, yet the statutes treat him as well known to be the general visitor.

By Chap. 50. *De ambigu*: Express authorities are given to the bishop as visitor, to determine, interpret, and declare upon the statutes. This is as large a power, as any visitor can have; he is not to make new statutes, for that is contrary to his power. The words in this statute, *visitationem autem hujus collegii episcopo Eliensi commendamus*, are most strong words to make him a general visitor.

Chap. 51. *De visitatore*, gives him a power to visit *ex officio*; *cæteraque omnia et singula facere et exercere*, according to the said statute.

In Talbot's case, the visitor was to visit *de anno in annum*; yet he was held to be a general visitor.

In the case of Exeter college, *de quinquennio in quinquennium*; yet held to be a general visitor. Such a limitation of time is not material. If he is visitor, he has a right to hear complaints at any time: This is incidental to his visitatorial power.

This being so, I am the more confirmed in my opinion of these statutes (if nothing arises upon bishop Fisher's

statutes to the contrary), from the case of *Green and Rutherford*. The first question in that case was, whether it did appear that the bishop of Ely was general visitor of this college. These three statutes, namely, Chap. 2, 50, and 51, were then pleaded to the jurisdiction of the court. Lord Hardwicke was of opinion, that the bishop of Ely was general visitor. The only thing which he had any doubt upon was, the injunction upon the master not to obey the bishop, if he acted contrary to the statutes. But this he said was an exception whenever such a case arises; as in the case of Manchester college: And when such a case happens, the jurisdiction will devolve upon the king's courts.

I think the old statutes and constitution of the college confirm this opinion. They are as strong to make the bishop general visitor; except in cases excepted.

The statute *De ambiguis* is in both. So is the statute *De visitatore*: But the words at the end of this statute, *præter hunc visitationis modum nos alium nullum Eliensi episcopo concedimus*, are left out of queen Elizabeth's statutes. This seems to have been done purposely to avoid doubt. Upon the construction of these words, as they stand in the old statutes, I think they cannot bear the sense which has been contended for; that is, that the bishop shall be visitor in the *special* form prescribed by the statutes, or that they shall only extend to his visitation as ordinary. The countess of Richmond was jealous, that the bishops of Ely might claim to be founders; she is anxious lest the bishop should give new statutes, or set up any right to change the old ones; and therefore she directs he shall have no greater power, than he had in other colleges where he was not founder.

To visit as ordinary, and to visit an eleemosynary foundation, are different things; and yet the bishops of Ely in Cambridge, and the bishops of Lincoln in Oxford, had more visitorships, because they were diocesans.

It has been objected, that this is a proceeding to deprivation; and therefore by the statute *De visitatore*, the bishop cannot visit, unless he is called in by the master and five of the senior fellows. But this is not a case of deprivation. The bishop has power over all the members of the college. He is only to consider, whether the party is a member of the college or not, duly elected or not. This is a question upon a power which has always been held incidental to the visitatorial power.

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It has never been doubted in the college, but the bishop was the visitor of the fellows upon the old foundation. My reason for thinking so is, that nothing has been said at the bar to the contrary. And a case has been cited of an ingrafted fellowship, wherein an appeal was made to the bishop. *Peg and Burton*, in 1726.

This brings me to the second question: Whether ingrafted fellowships are subject to the review and sentence of the visitor? This draws on a question of the greatest consequence to all the colleges in both universities. One cannot see the tenth part of the mischief which would arise to the college, if they should succeed in this point; and there is no college which would not be involved in it. In this college there are 32 original fellowships, and 27 upon annexed foundations.

I wanted to know whether the form of conveyances of this kind, before the time of queen Elizabeth, was not by an indenture with a clause of distress, as this of Dr Ketton's; and my reason was, because I suspected it took its original form, in analogy to tenure by divine service not performed (*Litt. sect. 137.*): If the service be certain, the donee had a power of distress by the common law; but if the service was uncertain, he had no remedy but to complain to the visitor.

Such indentures as this have been made in many cases. I have taken the pains to inquire and be informed of all the old colleges both in Cambridge and Oxford; and find there are none, but where there are some ingrafted fellowships made by indenture as this is. And there never was an instance, where fellowships are ingrafted, that they were not as all the other fellows of the college, unless particular terms were given, and unless a special foundation was made, and a special acceptance of it. When this is not done they are considered as fellows of the body at large.

In the case of *University college*, T. 1740. Upon an appeal to the lord chancellor Hardwicke: This college was founded by king Alfred: William of Durham founded two fellowships, and required that they should be chosen *de proxime Dunelmæ partibus oriundis*. This came before the chancellor upon an appeal, on a suggestion that the crown in right of the founder was visitor; William of Durham having appointed no special visitor of his fellows. The objection was, the fellows were not to be chosen from the county of Durham, but out of one of the next adjoining counties. This case was determined
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against the college, that the crown was general visitor. William of Durham having given no special visitor, these ingrafted fellows are eo nomine to be considered as fellows of the college.

The mode of donation is the law of it. If Dr Keton had appointed a visitor, and the college had accepted his donation upon those terms; his visitor would take place: but upon no other terms.

Dr Keton directs his fellows to be fellows of St John's college, but upon his foundation: and he contracts, that they shall have the same privileges and rights as foundation fellows in the college; and they are so to all intents and purposes, save the proprietary right; they are to be elected as the other fellows of the college; and Dr Keton says nothing of their manner of voting, their age, or other qualifications; but these are left to be determined by the old constitution of the college; and by that old constitution, the master and fellows are to elect; and if they do wrong, the visitor is the judge: nay further, they are to swear to observe the statutes of the college, which then were, or then after should be made: that is, to observe these statutes; for Dr Keton gave none himself. Had Dr Keton made any statutes contrary to those of the college; his fellows must have obeyed the statutes of the college; had he appointed a visitor, it would have been contrary to the statutes of the college. If there had not been a word more in the deed, than making them fellows; eo nomine they would have become fellows of the body, and as such subject to all the statutes of the college.

This way of reasoning is not new: for my lord Hardwicke, in the case of the attorney general against Talbot, said that the party was concluded by his own information, from saying he was not a member of the college, and as such subject to the power of the visitor. So here, they are members of the college, equal in power and every thing else with the fellows on the foundation. And his lordship, in *Green and Rutherford*, held the same; and said it would be the same as to all new donations.

And Sir John Strange (who assisted the chancellor) was of opinion in that case, that new ingraftments, unless particular provision was made to the contrary, are eo nomine part of the old foundation.

An objection has been taken here upon the power of distress. This objection would extend to a great many cases besides the present. Several foundations have been made by indenture, in the same manner as this is. Dr

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Fisher's foundation in this college was made so. And the precedent being once settled, it is not wonderful it should be followed. They are provisions *diverso intuitu*. This specific, by the power of the visitor, is left to the college. The distress like the case of tenure by divine service, is left to the common law. The distress is an inadequate remedy, the value of money between that time and this considered; and it is not given to the person injured, but to Dr Keton's heirs, and the chapter of Southwell.

The bishop of Ely has a right, with respect to the proprietary qualification, to judge of the election of fellows. And for these reasons, I am very clearly of opinion, there is no ground for a prohibition in this case. Were this matter to be determined upon the second question made, it would introduce the greatest inconvenience and confusion amongst all colleges.

If I had doubted, or had inclined that a prohibition should go, I would have given the plaintiff leave to have declared in prohibition. But as I have no doubt, I think I ought not to put the promoter of the appeal to the expence of it; both out of justice to the party, and also for the sake of the precedent.

The justices Denison and Foster were of the same opinion, Mr. justice Wilmot being absent.

11. In the thirteenth year of king Henry the fourth, happened the famous cause between the archbishop of Canterbury, and the chancellor and proctors of the university of Oxford; which was thus: Archbishop Arundel being in his visitation of the diocese of Lincoln, came in his way to visit the university of Oxford, which was then within the limits of that diocese. The university insisted upon their exemption by papal authority; and refused to submit to his visitation. The archbishop urged a sentence given against them in this same cause by king Richard the second; but in vain. They stood upon their exemption, and referred themselves (in which the archbishop also agreed with them) to the king's judgment. Their cause was accordingly heard before the said king Henry the fourth, and sentence given for the archbishop and his visitatorial power over them. And this whole process and sentence, at the archbishop's petition, was ratified and inrolled in parliament, to prevent any future disputes upon that subject. *Rot. Parl. 13 H. 4. num. 15. Wake's State of the Ch. 348.*

The archbishop's
general power of
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Upon this, the archbishop of York put in his claim, for the exception of the college called *Queen-hall* in the said

said university: The result of which was this; that the archbishop of Canterbury in presence of the king and of the lords in the said parliament, promised, that if the archbishop of York could sufficiently shew any privilege or specialty of record, wherefore the said archbishop of Canterbury might not use or exercise his visitation of the said college, he would then abstain; saving to him always the visitation of the scholars abiding in the said college, according to the judgments and decrees made and given by the said king Richard the second, and the said king Henry the fourth. *Id. ibid.*

But this claim of the archbishop of York seemeth to have been frivolous; seeing the exclusive right which he insisted on, was only in respect of his being local visitor of that college: for if the archbishop of Canterbury had otherwise a power of visiting, the founder of the college could not take it from him by his statutes.

Afterwards, in the 12th year of king Charles the first, this matter was again contested by both the universities against archbishop Laud, who claimed a right of visiting them *jure metropolitico*; and they pleaded, that the power of visiting them was in the king alone, as their founder. This cause also came to an hearing before his majesty in council.

For the archbishop it was urged, that his power of visitation within his province is of common right, and as ancient as the archbishoprick itself; that it is a general power, and not over certain particular persons, but over clergy and people, in all causes ecclesiastical, and in all places within his province, without exception: That if the universities have any exemption, it is incumbent upon them to shew it: That the exemptions (if any) which they had by any bulls from the pope, were abolished by the act of parliament of 28 H. 8. c. 16. and not pleadable in any court: That this power of the archbishop doth no way trench upon the king's power; but that the king by himself or his commissioners may visit as founder, and the archbishop nevertheless as metropolitan: That the archbishop's intention is not to visit the statutes of the university, or of any particular college; but to visit metropolitically; that is, to visit the body of the university, and every scholar therein, for his obedience to the doctrine and discipline of the church of England, but not to meddle with the statutes of colleges or of the university, or the particular visitors of any college.

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For the university of Cambridge it was urged, that the power of visiting them of right belongeth to the king; which is an exemption from any ordinary jurisdiction: And for other exemptions, they had bulls from the pope, and charters: That about the beginning of the reign of king Richard the second, most of their charters were burned, by an insurrection in the town; but many of them were confirmed in the time of Hen. 6. upon a suit made to the pope to give some confirmation to their privileges, in regard their charters were burned; whereupon the pope granted a commission, and witnesses were examined, which examination was a means to produce two ancient bulls, exempting them from metropolitanical visitation, the one bearing date in the year 624, and the other in 699.

For the university of Oxford it was argued, that it was an ancient university, founded long before the conquest, and had as ancient privileges: and by bulls from the pope was ever exempt from the visitation of any archbishop, as in his metropolitanical right, but that the few visitations which had been made by any of the archbishops were by virtue only of their legatine power: That as none can found an university but the king, so none hath power but the king to visit it. That indeed their ancient charters are lost; but altho' there are no records so old, yet there are divers recitals in Edward the third's time, which shew, that they had some original grant of exemption; and in confirmation thereof, that there had never been, in so many hundred years, any visitation made by any archbishop as being within his province.

Upon the hearing of the whole cause, it was declared by the king, with the advice of the privy council, that it was granted on all hands, that the king had an undoubted right to visit the universities; and that the archbishop, in the right of his metropolitanical church of Canterbury, had power to visit the whole province, in which the universities were situated, and were under the same power, unless they could shew privilege and exemption: That the exceptions then alledged, were not such as could give satisfaction: That they could be exempted by no papal bull; and that they were exempted by none of their charters: That the long omission of the archbishops to visit, could be no prescription to bar the right of the metropolitanical see: That it appeared, that both universities had been visited by three archbishops, jure metropolitico, and not by a legatine power: That this coming in question,
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upon the resistance of the university of Oxford, it was, upon full hearing of both parties, adjudged for the archbishop by king Richard the second, and afterward upon the like hearing and re-examination by king Henry the fourth; and both of their judgments established by act of parliament, 13 *Hen.* 4. And the archbishop produced before his majesty an original deed from the university of Cambridge to the archbishop, under the hands of the heads of houses, containing a renunciation of all privileges from any pope, and wherein they bind themselves under the penalty of 1000*l.* not to oppose the archbishop's jurisdiction: And this was in the 27 of *Hen.* 8. being a year before the said bulls were abolished by act of parliament.

So the king and council adjudged the right of visiting the universities, chancellors, scholars, and all persons enjoying the privileges thereof, to belong to the archbishop and metropolitan church of Canterbury, by himself or his commissary.

Whereupon the archbishop made this motion to the king: First, for himself, that his majesty would be graciously pleased, that he might have the sentence drawn up by the advice of his majesty's learned counsel, and put under the broad seal, to settle all differences that hereafter might arise: Then on the behalf of both the universities, that they should remain free and exempt from the visitation and jurisdiction of the bishop of the diocese, or archdeacon.

[Note, the grounds of exemption from episcopal visitation, whilst at the same time they are supposed subject to the archiepiscopal, are not set forth: This must be from some clause of exemption in the university charters, or from some restrictive clause in the foundation of the bishopricks, especially of Oxford, where the episcopal see was not erected until the latter end of the reign of king Henry the eighth; and even with respect to Cambridge this might be the case, if that is true which is intimated above, that the university there is at least as ancient as the year 624, for that was long before the erection of the bishoprick of Ely, which was taken out of the diocese of Lincoln about the year 1111. — Or else the archbishop here must have meant, that the king, as supreme head of the church, and as visitor of the universities in right of foundation, should by his royal authority now establish it.]

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Furthermore, since it was declared to be the archbishop's right to visit metropolitically, and it was not limited by law how often; therefore the archbishop moved, that notwithstanding the last custom of visitation was only once in the archbishop's time, he might by himself or his commissary visit the universities as often as any great emergent cause should move him; provided, that neither he nor any of his successors should, after the first visitation, visit upon such emergent causes, unless it be first made known to his majesty and his successors.

All which was granted by the king, and so settled.

Lastly, whereas it was alledged, that the chancellors of either university were, and are like to be, persons of great honour and eminence, and therefore it might be inconvenient, that they should be called to such visitation; it was declared by his majesty, that in the course of law, the chancellor would be allowed to appear by his proxy.

2 *Rushw. Hist. Coll.* 324—332.

12. By the 7 & 8 *W. c.* 37. Whereas it would be a great hindrance to learning and other good and charitable works, if persons well inclined may not be permitted to found colleges or schools for encouragement of learning, or to augment the revenues of colleges already founded, by granting lands tenements rents or other hereditaments to such colleges or schools; it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for the king, when and as often as he shall think fit, to grant to any person or persons, bodies politick or corporate, their heirs and successors, licence to aliene in mortmain, and also to purchase take and hold in mortmain, in perpetuity or otherwise, any lands tenements or hereditaments whatsoever, of whomsoever the same shall be holden.

Colleges how far effected by the statutes of mortmain.

And by the 9 *G. 2. c.* 36. which restraineth alienations in mortmain, it is provided, that the same shall not extend to make void the dispositions of any lands tenements or hereditaments, which shall be made in other manner and form than in this act is directed, to or in trust for either of the two universities, or any of the colleges or houses of learning within the same; or to or in trust for the colleges of Eton, Winchester, or Westminster, for the better support and maintenance of the scholars only upon the foundations of the said colleges of Eton, Winchester, and Westminster. Provided, that no such college or house of learning, which shall hold or enjoy so many advowsons of ecclesiastical benefices, as shall be equal in number to one moiety of the fellows or persons usually

usually styled or reputed as fellows, or where there are no fellows or persons usually styled or reputed as fellows, to one moiety of the students upon the foundation; shall be capable of purchasing taking or holding any other advowsons of ecclesiastical benefices by any means whatsoever; the advowsons of such ecclesiastical benefices as are annexed to, or given for the benefit or better support of the heads of any of the said colleges or houses of learning, not being computed in the number of advowsons hereby limited.

College leases.

13. By the 13 *Eliz. c. 10.* All college leases, other than for the term of twenty one years or three lives, shall be void. Provided, that this shall not extend to make good any lease for more years than are limited by the private statutes of the college.

By the 18 *Eliz. c. 6.* In all college leases one third part of the rent shall be reserved and paid in corn.

And there are divers other regulations concerning the same by the said acts and by several other acts of parliament, which falling in with the general law concerning leases made by corporations whether sole or aggregate, the whole is treated of together under the title *Leases.*

Commissions of pious uses.

14. By the 43 *Eliz. c. 4.* which enacteth, that whereas divers lands tenements rents annuities profits hereditaments goods chattels money and stocks of money have been assigned by divers well disposed persons, as well for the maintenance of schools of learning, free schools, and scholars in the universities, as for other pious and godly purposes; which nevertheless have not been employed according to the charitable intent of the donors, by reason of frauds, breaches of trust, and negligence in those that should pay deliver and employ the same; in such case, the lord chancellor may issue commissions to inquire thereof, and to take order therein:—it is provided, that nothing therein shall extend to any lands tenements rents annuities profits goods chattels money or stocks of money, given limited appointed or assigned to any college hall or house of learning within the universities of Oxford or Cambridge, or to the colleges of Westminster Eton or Winchester or any of them, or to any cathedral or collegiate church; nor to any college, hospital, or free school, which have special visitors or governors or overseers appointed them by their founders.

Elections in colleges.

15. By the 33 *H. 8. c. 27.* Albeit that by the common law all assents elections and grants, made and granted by the

the dean warden provost master president or other governor of any college or other corporation, with the assent of the major part of the fellows or brethren of such corporation, be as effectual as if the whole number had assented; yet nevertheless divers founders of such corporations have amongst other their local statutes established, that if any one of such corporation should deny any such grant, then no such election or grant should be made, and for performance of the same every person having power of assent hath been wont to be sworn: for remedy thereof it is enacted, that every statute made by any such founder, whereby the grant or election of the governor or ruler, with the assent of the more part of such corporation, should be in any wise hindered by any one or more being the lesser number (contrary to the course of the common law), shall be void; and none shall be compelled to take an oath for the observing of any such statute, on pain of every person giving such oath to forfeit $\frac{1}{2}$, half to the king, and half to him that shall sue in any of the king's courts of record.

But such major part are to attend in person, and to be present together, at the executing of such act; and the assent must be given by each member singly, and not in a confused and uncertain manner; and this must be when they are regularly assembled in one certain place, and not a consent given by the members in several places and at several times. *Gibf.* 744.

And by the 31 *El.* c. 6. Whereas by the intent of the founders of colleges, churches collegiate, churches cathedral, schools, hospitals, halls, and other like societies within this realm, and by the statutes and good orders of the same, the elections presentations and nominations of fellows scholars officers and other persons to have room or place in the same, are to be had and made of the fittest and most meet persons being capable of the same elections presentations and nominations, freely, without any reward gift or thing given or taken for the same; and for true performance whereof, some electors presentors and nominators in the same have or should take a corporal oath to make their elections presentations and nominations accordingly; yet notwithstanding it is seen and found by experience, that the said elections presentations and nominations be many times wrought and brought to pass with money gifts and rewards; whereby the fittest persons to be elected presented or nominated, wanting money or

friends, are seldom or not at all preferred, contrary to the good meaning of the said founders, to the said good statutes and ordinances of the said colleges churches schools halls hospitals and societies, and to the great prejudice of learning and the commonwealth and estate of the realm; for remedy thereof, it is enacted, that if any person which hath election presentation or nomination, or voice or assent in the choice election presentation or nomination, of any fellow, scholar, or any other person, to have room or place in any of the said churches colleges schools hospitals halls or societies, shall have receive or take any money fee reward or any other profit directly or indirectly, or shall take any promise agreement covenant bond or other assurance to receive or have any money fee reward or any other profit directly or indirectly, either to himself or to any of his friends, for his voice assent or consent, in electing choosing presenting or nominating any officer fellow scholar or other person to have any room or place in any of the said societies; then, and from thenceforth, the place room or office which such person so offending shall then have in any of the said churches colleges schools halls hospitals or societies, shall be void as if he were naturally dead. *f. 1, 2.*

And if any fellow, officer, or scholar of any of the said societies, or other person having room or place therein, shall directly or indirectly take or receive, or by any device or means contract or agree to have or receive, any money reward or profit whatsoever, for the leaving or resigning up of the same his room or place, for any other to be placed in the same; he shall forfeit and lose double the sum of money, or value of the thing so received and taken, or agreed to be received and taken: and every person by whom, or for whom, any money gift or reward as aforesaid shall be given or agreed to be paid, shall be incapable of that place or room for that time or turn.

f. 3. And for the more sincere election choice presentation and nomination of fellows, scholars, officers, and other persons to have room or place in any of the said churches, colleges, halls, schools, hospitals, and other the like societies; it is further enacted, that at the time of every such election presentation or nomination to be had, as well this present act, as the orders and statutes of the same places, concerning such election presentation or nomination to be had, shall then and there be publicly read: on pain that every person in whom default thereof

thereof shall be, shall forfeit and lose the sum of 40l, half to him that shall sue, and half to the use of the society. s. 4.

16. Several founders of colleges have, in their statutes for the government of the said colleges, given a certain degree of preference, in the election of scholars or others to those of their own blood. Concerning which there hath been much dispute. It is contended on one side; that by length of time all relation of kindred must necessarily wear out; on the other, that this cognation still subsists, and may subsist indefinitely. On behalf of those who claim as kinsmen (altho' from the time of the foundation of the respective colleges they may be supposed to be not nearer now than the tenth, twelfth, or perhaps fifteenth degree from the common ancestor by whom they deduce their relation to the founder) it is urged, that no length of time can utterly extinguish their kindred; that no limits have ever been set to consanguinity by any law whatsoever; particularly, that by the municipal laws of this realm, in the succession to inheritances, no boundary is limited; but lands descend to the heirs of the first purchaser in infinitum; and that by the college statutes no limitation is intended, being general, in this or the like form—"Volumus, quod in omni electione scholarium, futuris temporibus facienda, principaliter et ante omnes alios, illi qui sunt vel erunt de consanguinitate nostra aut genere, si qui tales sint, ubicunque fuerint, eligendi, dum tamen sint reperti habiles et idonei, secundum conditiones superius et inferius recitatas, sine aliquo probationis tempore &c. eligantur." It is contended, on the other hand, that it is absolutely necessary that some limitation should be fixed, otherwise such statute must defeat its own intention. As all collateral consanguinity consists in being derived from one common parent, if this consanguinity knows no bounds, all mankind are without doubt kinsmen, because derived from the same original ancestor. As for instance, the common stock of the founder and his nephew is the founder's father; the common stock of the founder and his cousin german is the founder's grandfather; of him and his second cousin is his great grandfather; and so on: all these are confessedly his kinsmen, and yet all derived from different common stocks. But unless there be some period to stop at, by the same rule that the common stock may be assumed three generations above either of the related parties, it may be assumed three hundred; we may ascend

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to Noah, or to Adam, and make him the stirps of universal consanguinity.—That by the civil law, all notion of consanguinity is extinguished, at the furthest after the tenth degree. Similar to which is the law of successions established by the present king of Prussia; who in his code lays it down as a rule, that “there shall no longer after the tenth degree be the least regard paid to kindred, in respect to a succession *ab intestato*, but the inheritance shall be reputed vacant, and fall to the king’s exchequer.”—That by the canon law, which regards chiefly the prohibitions of marriage, consanguinity extends no farther than the seventh degree. And as marriage with one’s kindred is prohibited generally, it was necessary to stop some where, or else the kindred in this, as in the college case, would be universal. For the blood of the common ancestor, wherein consists the relation, is by a multitude of descents sluiced into so many different channels, and mixed with so many other bloods, that it can be no longer distinguished. Every man has in the first ascending degree two ancestors; in the second, four; and, by the same rule of progression, in the seventh, 128; in the tenth, 1024; and in the twentieth, above a million; and has, consequently, as many bloods in him as he hath ancestors; and therefore must needs have but a very minute portion of the blood of a remote ancestor. A person, for instance, one of whose ancestors in the fifteenth degree is the founder’s father, has 32767 other ancestors in the same degree; that share of his blood therefore, which he derives from the founder’s father, is only one 32768th of his whole mass; a proportion which cannot be imagined to intitle the possessor of it to any special share of affection from the rest of the descendants of the same ancestor.—That by the municipal laws of this realm, the unlimited succession to the inheritance respects only the person who is *next* of kindred, and not who is of kindred in general; and therefore the case of founder’s kinsmen is not parallel to this; for if it were, the next of kindred only could be intitled, who would exclude all the rest.—That as to the statute which requires that in every election to be made in future times, a principal regard be had to the founder’s kindred, there is in the same clause a limitation, “*si qui tales sint*.”

In the case of Winchester college, and of New college in Oxford, both of which were founded by William of Wykeham,

Wykeham, an inconvenience arising, about 200 years after the foundation, from the growing number of founder's kinsmen, the college of Winchester rejected a claimant. The claimant's father thereupon applied (as the manner then was) to the court of chancery, and not to the visitor, for relief. And after a solemn hearing, 30 Jan. 22 Eliz. in the year 1579, it was recommended by the lord keeper Bromley, and assented to on all sides, for the difficulty of judgment to be given, and it was so decreed, that the plaintiff's issue, for four descents, should be admitted *as if* they were founder's kinsmen, and that he should renounce all farther claim to the blood of the founder : which renunciation was made accordingly.

About ten years afterwards, the fathers of two other rejected candidates applied to the same tribunal for a similar relief. Whereupon the lord chancellor Hatton, "gravely considering, that the publick benefit of the realm, for the education of scholars in learning (chiefly intended by the founder) would greatly be hindred, if every of the children of the said complainants (allowing them to be of the undoubted blood of the founder) should be admitted into the said colleges, being many in number, and in a short time likely to spread and grow into more generations, sufficient of themselves to fill the number of both colleges,"—referred the whole to bishop Cooper, who then sat in the see of Winchester, and, as such, was the visitor of both societies. The bishop, having duly considered the case, in order to shew a grateful remembrance of so worthy a work as the founding of two colleges, declares himself willing to pay a regard to such as even seem to be of the founder's blood, "so that the same tend not to the annoying, disturbance, or prejudice of the said foundations; which the founder undoubtedly meant to make for the publick benefit of the whole realm, and not to be appropriated and made peculiar to one only kindred and family." He then states the vast increase of the claimants, whereby he observes, "that if it be not in wisdom foreseen, the number of scholars in both colleges is like to be fully supplied by such reputed kinsmen, be they apt or not apt to be brought up in learning; so that the publick benefit intended by the founder would be frustrated." He afterwards remarks (what is equally true of every other ancient college) that the revenues of the society had been much augmented by other benefactors, strangers to the founder's blood, who

could never intend to confine their bounty within such a partial channel. "In consideration whereof, and for avoiding such inconveniences as might come, if one blood and kindred should have both colleges in their possession and regimen," he declares the founder's intention to have been, that the education of scholars should more largely extend than to his own kindred, and yet that some convenient regard should be paid to those of his undoubted blood: and therefore the bishop directs, that there shall not be at one time above the number of 18 reputed kinsmen in the two colleges (which consist in the whole of 140 scholars) to wit, 8 in New college, and 10 in that of Winchester; and that not above two shall be admitted at any one election into either college.

At the distance of near 50 years, this matter was again reconsidered, on a petition (as it seems) to the king in person. For there is extant an order dated the 31 Jan. 1637, made by the archbishop of Canterbury, the earl of Arundel and Surry earl marshal, and the bishop of Winchester, to whom it was referred by the king to consider of the claim of another Wykeham. This they determine to be groundless; founding their opinion on the decree of the 30 Jan. 1579; and also on the great inconvenience that would follow, if the "founder's consanguinity should be so exceedingly multiplied as it would be, to the absolute restraint of the freedom of elections, if such claims were admitted."

In the year 1651, during Cromwell's usurpation, the same question was brought before the committee of the house of commons, for regulation of the two universities, and the colleges of Eaton and Winchester, probably with a view to re-establish the unlimited preference of kindred; but all they could obtain was, an order for augmenting the number of 18 kinsmen, established by bishop Cooper to 20 in both societies; with a proviso that if more than twenty had already crept in, no more should be admitted till the number was reduced to twenty.

Nevertheless, at this day, it must be acknowledged, by whatsoever means it hath happened, that though the annual restriction of two in the said colleges continues in use, yet the total restriction of 18 (or 20) has fallen into oblivion.

And as the limitation of *number* in the said colleges hath been attempted, so in the college of All Souls in the said university,

university, founded by archbishop Chichele in the year 1438, it hath been endeavoured to obtain a limitation in the *degrees*; for the reasons above expressed. But in the cases that have been determined by the several visitors, no certain boundary hath been yet established; the same having been adjudged on the particular circumstances of each case. *Blackst. on Collateral Consanguinity.*

So that it seemeth still to remain a matter of great doubt. For, as on the one hand, it could never be the founder's intention to fill the college wholly with his own kindred; so, on the other, as he himself has been silent in that respect, it is difficult to say, at what precise period his particular regard to his own family and relations, however distant, should entirely cease. A limitation in point of number, seemeth to be most apposite, as was directed by bishop Cooper in the case of Wykeham's foundations, in some kind of proportion to what may be supposed, or from the registers of the respective colleges may appear, to have been in the founder's days, or within an age or two afterwards; for so the founder's whole institution will take effect: that is, far the greater part of the society will consist of persons elected out of the publick at large, or otherwise according to the restrictions of the respective foundations; and at the same time a reasonable regard will be had to those who can prove themselves of the founder's kindred; altho' it must be owned, at this day, that the proportion is scarcely so much, as of one drop of blood to the whole mass.

There is in human nature a desire of immortality, which expands itself without limitation even in this life. Every man wishes to live in his posterity, and to transmit his inheritance to them at whatever distance. And those posterity, on the other hand, glory in deriving their pedigree thro' a long series of ancestors; and the higher they can ascend, the more honourable it is esteemed. Even that excellent author, from whom the above state of the case is taken, who argues incontestibly for the necessity of *some* limitation, yet in his dedication of the charters compliments his patron, on being "the defender of those liberties of which his ancestor attested the execution:" which attestation, was long before the foundation of any of the colleges wherein the present question is agitated. Many noble families of this kingdom boast of their descent from some of those heroes who came in with the Norman invader. The inhabitants of Wales ascend further, into the Saxon period; when their pro-

genitors chose rather to lose their country than their liberty: And they still endeavour to preserve their genealogies, altho' the reason thereof (as it seemeth) hath been long since forgotten; which most probably was, that upon their return each man might be able to deduce his title to his own estate. The Jews, for a longer term, have been solicitous to keep up the distinction of their tribes; partly, for a like reason; and partly, that they may be able to ascertain the descent of their expected Messiah. The Scots, in the time of king James the first of England, flattered that prince on his being the 108th king of Scotland lineally descended of one stock; which, according to a reasonable computation, would carry us up almost as far as the days of Solomon (the great ancestor of that monarch, as one would be tempted to conclude from the court writings of those times).—And the more chimerical such calculations may be, so much the more they demonstrate the honourable esteem entertained thereof by mankind, where they are real.

Persons elected to subscribe the declaration of conformity.

17. By the 13 & 14 C. 2. c. 4. and the 1 W. sess. 1. c. 8. f. 11. All masters, and other heads, fellows, chaplains, and tutors of or in any college, hall, house of learning, or hospital, and every publick professor and reader in either of the universities and in every college elsewhere, who shall be incumbent or have possession of any mastership, headship, fellowship, professor's place, or reader's place, shall at or before his admission, subscribe the declaration or acknowledgment following, before the vicechancellor or his deputy: "I A B do declare, that I will conform to the liturgy of the church of England, as it is now by law established": Upon pain, that every of the persons aforesaid failing in such subscription, shall lose and forfeit such respective mastership, headship, fellowship, professor's place, or reader's place, and shall be utterly disabled, and ipso facto deprived of the same; and the same shall be void, as if such person so failing were naturally dead.

But by the 2 G. 2. c. 31. f. 8. Persons who had omitted to subscribe the same before the vicechancellor as aforesaid, were indemnified; provided they should then subscribe before Dec. 25. 1729.

Heads of colleges to subscribe also the 39 articles, and the book of common prayer.

18. By the aforesaid statute of the 13 & 14 C. 2. c. 4. Every governor or head of any of the said colleges or halls, shall within one month next after his election or collation and admission into the same government or headship, openly and publickly in the church chapel or other publick

publick place of the same college or hall, and in the presence of the fellows and scholars of the same, or the greater part of them then resident, subscribe unto the nine and thirty articles of religion mentioned in the statute of 13 Eliz. c. 12. and to the book of common prayer, and declare his unfeigned assent and consent unto and approbation of the said articles and of the same book, and to the use of all the prayers rites and ceremonies forms and orders in the said book prescribed and contained according to this form following; "I A B do here declare
 " my unfeigned assent and consent to all and every thing
 " contained and prescribed in and by the book, intituled,
 " The book of common prayer and administration of the
 " sacraments and other rites and ceremonies of the church,
 " according to the usage of the church of England; together
 " with the psalter or psalms of David, pointed as
 " they are to be sung or said in churches; and the form
 " or manner of making ordaining and consecrating of
 " bishops priests and deacons:" And all such governors or heads of the said colleges and halls, or any of them, as shall be in holy orders, shall once at least in every quarter of the year (not having a lawful impediment) openly and publickly read the morning prayer and service in and by the said book appointed to be read, in the church chapel or other publick place of the same college or hall: Upon pain to lose and be suspended of and from all the benefits and profits belonging to the same government or headship, by the space of six months, by the visitor or visitors of the same college or hall; and if any governor or head of any college or hall, suspended for not subscribing unto the said articles and book, or for not reading the morning prayer and service as aforesaid, shall not at or before the end of six months next after such suspension subscribe unto the said articles and book, and declare his consent thereunto as aforesaid; then such government or headship shall be ipso facto void. f. 17.

19. By the 1 G. 2. c. 13. All heads and members of colleges, being of the foundation, or having any exhibition, of eighteen years of age; and all persons teaching pupils; and all persons in general admitted to any office in any such college, ecclesiastical or civil: shall (within six months after their admission, 9 G. 2. c. 26. f. 3.) take and subscribe the oaths of allegiance, supremacy, and abjuration, in one of the courts at Westminster, or at the general or quarter sessions of the peace: On pain of being disabled to sue or use any action; or to be guardian, executor,

And all of them to take the oaths, and make the subscriptions, as other persons qualifying for offices.

executor, or administrator; or capable of any legacy or deed of gift; or to be in any office; or to vote at any election for members of parliament; and to forfeit 100 l. to him who shall sue. And if any such head or member, being of the foundation, or having any exhibition, of eighteen years of age, shall neglect or refuse to take and subscribe the same, or to produce a certificate thereof under the hand of some proper officer of the respective court, and cause the same to be entred within one month in the register of such college or hall; and if the persons in whom the right of election shall be, shall neglect or refuse to elect another for the space of twelve months, the king shall nominate to such place vacant; and if the person lawfully authorized to admit, shall neglect or refuse to admit such person so nominated by the king for the space of ten days, the local visitor shall admit him within one month; and if he shall refuse, the king's bench may compel him by mandamus.

And if it is a *civil* office (not *ecclesiastical*), they shall moreover, by the 25 C. 2. c. 2. on the like pain as aforesaid; within three months after their admission, receive the sacrament in some publick church on the Lord's day, immediately after divine service and sermon; and, in the court where they take the oaths, shall first deliver a certificate of such their receiving, under the hands of the minister and churchwarden; and shall then make proof of the truth thereof by two witnesses; And shall also, when they take the said oaths, make and subscribe the declaration against transubstantiation.

But there is an indemnifying clause in some act of parliament every two or three years; provided they comply within a time therein limited.

Common prayer
may be used in
latin.

20. By the same statute 13 & 14 C. 2. c. 4. No form or order of common prayers, administration of sacraments, rites or ceremonies, shall be openly used in any church chapel or other publick place of or in any college or hall in either of the universities, the colleges of Westminster, Winchester, or Eaton, or any of them; other than what is prescribed or appointed to be used in and by the book of common prayer:—Provided that it shall be lawful to use the morning and evening prayer, and all other prayers and service prescribed in and by the said book, in the chapels or other publick places of the respective colleges and halls in both the universities, in the colleges of Westminster Winchester and Eaton, and in the convoca-
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tions of the clergy of either province, in latin. *f.* 17, 18.
(It is not said, of what translation.)

21. And by the same statute, at all times when any sermon or lecture is to be preached, the common prayers and service in and by the book of common prayer appointed to be read for that time of the day, shall be openly publickly and solemnly read by some priest or deacon, in the church chapel or place of publick worship where the said sermon or lecture is to be preached, before such sermon or lecture be preached; and that the lecturer there to preach shall be present at the reading thereof: *Common prayer before sermons or lectures.*
Provided, that this shall not extend to the university churches in the universities of this realm, or either of them, when or at such times as any sermon or lecture is preached or read in the said churches or any of them, for or as the publick university sermon or lecture; but that the same sermons and lectures may be preached or read, in such sort and manner as the same have been heretofore preached or read. *f.* 22, 23.

22. By *Can.* 16. In general; in the whole divine service, and administration of the holy communion, in all colleges and halls in both the universities, the order form and ceremonies shall be duly observed, as they are set down and prescribed in the book of common prayer, without any omission or alteration. *Divine service in general.*

23. By *Can.* 23. In all colleges and halls within both the universities, the masters and fellows, such especially as have any pupils, shall be careful that all their said pupils, and the rest that remain amongst them, be well brought up, and thoroughly instructed in points of religion; and that they do diligently frequent publick service and sermons; and receive the holy communion, which we ordain to be administered in all such colleges and halls the first or second sunday of every month; requiring all the said masters fellows and scholars, and all the rest of the students, officers, and all other the servants there, so to be ordered, that every one of them shall communicate four times in the year at the least, kneeling reverently and decently upon their knees, according to the order of the communion book prescribed in that behalf. *The holy communion.*

But by the rubrick in the book of common prayer, in cathedral and collegiate churches, where there are many priests and deacons, they shall all receive the communion with the priest every sunday at the least, except they have a reasonable cause to the contrary.

Surplices and
hoods on solemn
days.

24. By *Can. 17.* All masters and fellows of colleges or halls, and all the scholars and students in either of the universities, shall in their churches and chapels, upon all fundays holidays and their eves, at the time of divine service, wear surplices, according to the order of the church of England; and such as are graduates, shall agreeably wear with their surplices such hoods as do severally appertain unto their degrees.

Oaths to be taken on admission to degrees.

25. By the *1 Eliz. c. 1. s. 25.* and the *1 W. c. 8.* Every person before he shall be preferred to any degree of learning in either of the universities, shall take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, before the chancellor, vice-chancellor, or their sufficient deputy.

Stamp duties.

26. By the several stamp acts; for every skin or piece of vellum or parchment, or sheet or piece of paper, on which any matriculation in the universities shall be written or ingrossed, shall be paid a double 12d stamp duty.

And for the register, entry, testimonial or certificate of a degree in the universities (except the register or entry of a batchelor of arts) shall be paid a duty of 40 s.

Books.

27. By the *8 An. c. 19.* Nine copies (on the best paper) of every book which shall be printed and published, or reprinted and published with additions, shall by the printer be delivered to the warehouse-keeper of the company of stationers, at the hall of the said company, before publication, for the use of the royal library, the libraries of the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, of the four universities in Scotland, of Sion college in London, and of the faculty of advocates in Edinburgh; who shall within ten days after demand by the keepers of the said respective libraries, or any by them authorized, deliver the same for the use of the said libraries: and if any proprietor, bookseller, or printer, or the said warehouse-keeper shall not observe the directions of this act, he shall forfeit to the said respective societies the value of such printed copy, and also 5 l. with full costs.

And by the statutes which impose a duty upon paper; books printed in the universities in the latin, greek, oriental, or northern languages, shall have a drawback of the said duty.

Printing.

28. By the *13 & 14 C. 2. c. 39.* (which after several continuances expired in the year 1692) it was enacted, that no private person whatsoever should print or cause to be printed any book or pamphlet, unless the same should be first entred in the book of the register of the company of stationers in London; except acts of parliament, proclamations, and such other books and papers as should be appointed

appointed to be printed by virtue of the king's sign manual, or under the hand of one of the secretaries of state; and unless the same should be first licensed by the several persons therein directed; that is to say, all books concerning the common law were to be printed by the allowance of the lord chancellor, the lords chief justices and lord chief baron, or one of them; of history concerning the state of this realm, or other books concerning any affairs of state, by one of the secretaries of state; of heraldry, by the appointment of the earl marshal, or if there should be no earl marshal, then by two of the kings of arms; all other books, whether of divinity, physick, philosophy, or other science or art whatsoever, by the archbishop of Canterbury, or bishop of London, or by their appointment respectively; or, in the universities, by the chancellor or vicechancellor there, provided that the said chancellors or vicechancellors should not meddle either with books of common law, or matters of state or government, nor any book the right of printing whereof solely and properly belonged to any particular person. And the printers were to set their names, and declare the name of the author if required.—But there was a proviso nevertheless, that nothing therein should extend to infringe any the just rights and privileges of either of the said universities, touching the licensing or printing of books therein; nor should extend, to prejudice the just rights and privileges, granted by the king or any of his royal predecessors, to any person or persons, under the great seal or otherwise, but that they might exercise such rights and privileges according to their respective grants.¹⁰

What those privileges are, came to be considered in the case of *Thomas Baskett* and *Robert Baskett*, administrators (with the will annexed) of *John Baskett*, plaintiffs; and the chancellor, masters, and scholars of the university of *Cambridge*, *Joseph Bentham*, and *Charles Bathurst*, defendants; *M. 32 G. 2.* which was as follows: The plaintiffs brought a bill in the court of chancery, for an injunction to restrain the defendants from printing or selling a book intitled “An exact *abridgment* of all the acts of parliament relating to the excise on beer, (and other exciseable liquors.”) And on the hearing of this cause, Jan. 24, 1743, the lord chancellor ordered that a case should be stated, for the opinion of the judges of the court of king's bench, upon the several acts of parliament, letters patent, and grants of the crown insisted on by either side, and any other letters patent appearing upon record

cord relating to the matters in question between the parties. — The several letters patent insisted on by the plaintiffs in support of their claim as the king's printers, to the sole and exclusive right of printing and publishing all acts of parliament or abridgments of acts of parliament, bear date Ap. 22. 1 Ed. 6. the 29th of Dec. 1 Mar. the 24th March, 1 Eliz. the 27th of Sep. 19 Eliz. the 8th of Aug. 31 Eliz. the 10th of May, 1 Ja. 1. the 11th of Feb. 14 Ja. 1. the 20th July, 3 Cha. 1. the 26th of Sep. 11 Cha. 1. the 24th of Dec. 27 Cha. 2. and the 13th of October, 12 An. They expressly grant the sole power of printing all and all sorts of abridgments of all and singular statutes and acts of parliament, and prohibit all other persons to print any volume, book, or work of which the printing was thereby granted. The estate and interest granted by the said letters patent became vested in John Baskett, father of the now plaintiffs; and is now vested in the plaintiffs, as administrators to their said father with his will annexed: and the plaintiffs have been sworn and admitted into the said office of his majesty's printer. The case further stated, that the plaintiffs and other printers to his majesty and his royal predecessors have, by virtue of the said several letters patent to them respectively granted, from time to time printed all acts of parliament and abridgments of acts of parliament, bibles, new testaments, and other books mentioned in the said letters patent. And the plaintiffs claim the sole right of printing all acts of parliament, exclusive of all other persons, during the term granted by the said letters patent of the 12th of queen Anne.

The defendants founded their claim upon the several letters patent and act of parliament following: King Hen. 8. by his letters patent, July the 20th in the 26th year of his reign, for him and his heirs, granted licence to the chancellor, masters and scholars of the university of Cambridge, that they and their successors for ever, by their writing under the seal of the said chancellor, from time to time might assign and chuse and for ever have among themselves and within the university aforesaid always remaining and inhabiting, three stationers and printers or venders of books, as well aliens and born without, as natives and born within his said majesty's obedience, having and holding as well hired houses as houses of their own: which said stationers or printers in form aforesaid assigned, and any of them, might lawfully there print all manner of books approved or which thereafter should be approved by the said chancellor

vellor or his vicechancellor and three doctors there; and as well those books, as other books printed wheresoever, as well within his said majesty's realm as without, so as aforesaid approved or to be approved, might put to sale, as well within the said university, as elsewhere within this kingdom, wheresoever they shall please. The statute of the 13 Eliz. confirms all letters patent granted to the said university. By letters patent dated 6th Feb. 3 Cha. 1. reciting the said letters patent of 26th Hen. 8. and the said act of parliament of the 13 Eliz. and also reciting, that since the said act of parliament, divers letters patent had been made by queen Elizabeth, king James the first, and his then majesty, granting authority to print divers and sundry books, and prohibiting generally all other persons to print the same; and also reciting a decree in the court of star-chamber of the 23d June 18 Eliz. and a proclamation of the 25 Sep. 21 Ja. 1. enforcing the same; the king confirms the right granted by the said letters patent of 26 Hen. 8. to the university of Cambridge, notwithstanding any grant or prohibition contained in the subsequent letters patent or any of them.

The questions upon this case are,

1. Whether the plaintiffs are intitled to the sole right of printing acts of parliament and abridgments of acts of parliament, exclusive of all other persons, during the term granted by the said letters patent dated Oct. 13. in the 12th year of the reign of queen Anne.

2. Whether the defendants, the chancellor masters and scholars of the university of Cambridge, by virtue of the grants and acts of parliament insisted on by the said defendants, or any of them, have the right or privilege of printing acts of parliament or abridgments of acts of parliament.

This case was first argued in Michaelmas term 1745, by Mr Comyns for the plaintiffs, and Mr Noel for the defendants. It was argued a second time in Michaelmas term 1747, by Mr Gundry for the plaintiffs, and Sir Richard Lloyd for the defendants. It was argued a third time in Hilary term 1749, by Mr Hume for the plaintiffs, and Mr Henley for the defendants. It then stood for the certificate of the judges; which having been put off for several years during the life of lord chief justice Lee, the parties did not apply to have it argued again whilst the lord chief justice Ryder lived. But in Trinity term

term 1758, they applied to have it set down for further argument in the next Michaelmas term.

Before it came on, the court ordered copies of all the abovementioned letters patent, acts of parliament and instruments to be left with them. They also ordered copies of the charter to the stationers of London of the 4th of May, 3 and 4 Ph. & Mar. the grant to the university of Oxford to print law books, dated the 12th of Aug. 9 G. 2. and the proclamation of the 25th of Sep. 21 Ja. 1. against the disorderly printing of books; and the several decrees of the court of star chamber relative thereto.

On Nov. 17, 1758, it was argued by Mr Comyns for the plaintiffs, and Mr Solicitor General Yorke for the defendants.

And soon after this last argument, the following certificate was made:

Having heard counsel on both sides, and considered of this case, we are of opinion, that during the term granted by the letters patent dated the 13th of October in the 12th year of the reign of queen Anne, the plaintiffs are intitled to the right of printing acts of parliament and abridgments of acts of parliament, exclusive of all other persons not authorized to print the same by prior grants from the crown.

But we think, that by virtue of the letters patent bearing date the 20th day of July in the 26th year of the reign of king Henry the 8th, and the letters patent bearing date the 6th of February in the 3d year of the reign of king Charles the first, the chancellor masters and scholars of the university of Cambridge are intrusted with a concurrent authority to print acts of parliament and abridgments of acts of parliament, within the said university, upon the terms in the said letters patent.

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Nov. 24. 1758.

Lord Coke, out of a filial regard to his *alma mater*, observes (4 *Inst.* 228.) that the university of Cambridge hath power to print within the same *omnes et omnimodos libros*; which, he says, the university of Oxford hath not. Nevertheless, certain it is, that he lived many years after the date of the last of those charters, which grants to the university of Oxford a like power as is granted by the
above

above mentioned charters to the university of Cambridge.

By letters patent 8 Cha. 1. Nov. 12. the king grants to the university of Oxford licence to appoint three printers, either aliens or natives, residing within the university, every of whom shall have power to print all manner of books (*omnimodos libros*) *not publickly prohibited*, and copies of books, to be approved by the chancellor or his vicechancellor and three doctors (one of whom at least to be professor of divinity) appointed by the chancellor masters and scholars for the examination of books; and as well the same books, as others wheresoever printed within the king's dominions or without and approved as aforesaid, as well within the said university as elsewhere, to expose to sale and sell: And that alien born printers, employed within the said university, shall in all respects be considered as natural born subjects, except as to customs and subsidies.

8 Charles 1. Mar. 13. The king recites and confirms the former grant; and further gives leave to every of the university printers to employ two presses (notwithstanding a decree in the star chamber 28 Eliz. to the contrary), and to take two apprentices: And moreover grants, that if any of the said printers shall, under the conditions aforesaid, print any book in any language from any manuscript in any library within the university of Oxford (the same never having been printed before); no person, without leave of the university, shall presume to reprint the same for the space of 21 years: And the same privilege is granted for ten years, as to any books so printed by the university printers, which shall be composed *de novo*, and published, by any master or scholar: Under pain of forfeiture of the surreptitious books in both cases.

11 Charles 1. Mar. 3. Reciting that almost from the first introduction of printing into England there had been printers in the university of Oxford, who by virtue of the privilege of the same university (before any charter, inhibition, restriction, or limitation of printing was made) had free power of printing books and selling them throughout the whole realm, as appears from many printed books and monuments then extant; which privileges were confirmed by the statute of 13 Eliz. Since which time (altho' in the decree of the star chamber 23 Jun. 28 Eliz. which allows one press to the university, no restriction or limitation of books to be there printed

occurs, except a general provision for observing certain letters patent and commissions under the great seal, and certain ordinances for the better government of the company of stationers in London) some questions having arisen between the company of stationers and others concerning the exercise of the art of printing, certain books *publicly approved and received* had been, by letters patent of queen Elizabeth, king James, and the then king, peculiarly reserved to be printed by the company of stationers and other persons, particularly Robert and Christopher Barker, John Bill, and Bonham Norton; And reciting also the letters patent of 12 Nov. and 13 Mar. 8 Cha. to the university of Oxford, and that now the London stationers pretend that all the books so peculiarly reserved for their printing are books *publicly prohibited*, and (as such) not within the university privilege, whereby the university printers are deterred from the free exercise of their powers; Therefore the king ratifies and confirms for ever the aforesaid letters patent, and gives power to the university to make laws and ordinances for the better government of printing within the same: And further doth interpret expound and declare, that those books of what kind soever, peculiarly reserved to be printed by the company of stationers or other persons whatsoever, are not, nor ought to be deemed, books *publicly prohibited*, forasmuch as they are rather such as are commonly approved for the publick use of all the king's subjects; and which, if they were publicly prohibited, neither the company of stationers nor any other persons could lawfully print and expose to sale: And therefore that it shall be lawful to the printers stationers or booksellers of the university of Oxford, assigned as is aforesaid in the aforesaid letters patent, from time to time for ever, to print within the said university and the precincts thereof, according to the form in the said letters patent prescribed, the same books, and every book of what kind soever, contained in the charters of the stationers of the city of London and their successors, or of other printers whatsoever, and so peculiarly reserved to the printing of them and their successors or assigns, and also all other books whatsoever not publicly prohibited as aforesaid; as well in the English, as in any foreign language, or mixt therewith; and the same, sewed or bound, in large volumes or in small, as well within the said university and the precincts thereof, as elsewhere within the king's dominions, publicly to expose to sale: And these letters patent are ordered to be construed in the most beneficial manner

manner for the university; notwithstanding any misrecitals, or non-recitals, or any other defects or imperfections whatsoever.

29. By the 3 *Jas. c. 5.* Every person that shall be a Popish living, popish recusant convict, during the time that he shall remain a recusant, shall be utterly disabled to present to any benefice, prebend, or any other ecclesiastical living, or to collate or nominate to any free school, hospital, or donative, or to grant any avoidance of any benefice, prebend, or other ecclesiastical living: And the chancellor and scholars of the university of Oxford, so often as any of them shall be void, shall have the presentation, nomination, collation, and donation thereof lying within the counties of Oxford, Kent, Middlesex, Suffex, Surrey, Hampshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Gloucestershire, Worcestershire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Wiltshire, Somersetshire, Devonshire, Cornwall, Dorsetshire, Herefordshire, Northamptonshire, Pembrokeshire, Caermarthenshire, Brecknockshire, Monmouthshire, Cardiganshire, Montgomeryshire, the city of London, and in every city and town being a county of itself, lying within the precincts of any of the counties aforesaid: And the chancellor and scholars of the university of Cambridge shall have the presentation, nomination, collation, and donation thereof lying within the counties of Essex, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, Suffolk, Norfolk, Lincolnshire, Rutlandshire, Leicestershire, Darbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Shropshire, Cheshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire, the county of Durham, Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmorland, Radnorshire, Denbeshire, Flintshire, Carnarvonshire, Angleseyshire, Merionethshire, Glamorganshire, and in every city and town being a county of it self, lying within the precincts of any of the counties aforesaid.

There are many other particulars concerning such presentations, nominations, collations, and donations; which falling in more properly under the title *Papery*, are there at large inserted.

30. By *Can. 36.* The universities have a concurrent Licence to power with the archbishops and bishops, in granting licences to preach.

31. By *Can. 33.* No person shall be admitted into sacred orders, except he shall exhibit to the bishop a presentation or certificate, that he is provided of some church wherein to officiate; or that he is a fellow, or in right as a fellow, or to be a conduct or chaplain in some college in Cambridge or Oxford, or except he be a ma-

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ster of arts of five years standing that liveth of his own charge in either of the universities, or except he be to be admitted by the bishop himself to some benefice or curateship then void.

32. By the statute of non-residence, 21 *H. 8. c. 13.* it is provided, that the same shall not extend to any scholar or scholars being conversant and abiding for study, without fraud or covin, at any university within this realm, or without.

But because this privilege and exemption was much abused, to the cloaking of idleness and dissolute living, under pretence of study, divers regulations and limitations hereof were made by the 28 *H. 8. c. 13.* by which it is enacted, that all persons who shall be to any benefice or benefices promoted, being above the age of forty years, (the chancellor, vicechancellor, commissary of the said universities, or any of them, wardens, deans, provosts, presidents, rectors, masters, principals, and other head rulers of colleges, halls, and other houses or places corporate within the said universities, or any of them, doctors of the chair, readers of divinity in the common schools of divinity in any of the said universities, only excepted,) shall be resident and abiding at and upon one of their said benefices, according to the true intent and meaning of the said act, upon the pains therein expressed. And all and singular such beneficed persons, being under the age of forty years, resident and abiding within the said universities or any of them, shall not enjoy the privilege of non-residence aforesaid; unless he or they be present at the ordinary lecture and lectures, as well at home in their houses, as in the common school or schools, and in their proper persons keep sophisms, problems, disputations, and other exercises of learning, and be opponent and respondent in the same, according to the ordinances and statutes of either of the said universities, where he or they shall be so abiding or resident. Provided, that this shall not extend to any person who shall be reader of any publick or common lecture in divinity, law civil, physick, philosophy, humanity, or of any of the liberal sciences, or publick or common interpreters or teachers of the hebrew tongue, chaldee, or greek, in whatsoever college or place of any of the said universities the said persons for the time being shall read the said common or publick lectures; nor to any person above the age of forty years who shall resort to any of the said universities to proceed doctors in divinity,

law civil, or physick, for the time of their said proceedings, and executing of such sermons, disputations, or lectures, which they be bound by the statutes of the universities there to do for the said degrees so obtained.

33. *Can. 41.* No licence or dispensation for the keeping of more benefices with cure than one, shall be granted to any, but such as shall have taken the degree of a master of arts at the least in one of the universities of this realm. In which case also, by the statute of 21 *H. 8. c. 13.* he must have a chaplainship from some of the nobility or other person qualified to keep a chaplain or chaplains.

What degrees
are requisite for
plurality.

But, by the same statute, all doctors and bachelors of divinity, doctors of law, and bachelors of law canon, and every of them, which shall be admitted to any of the said degrees by any of the universities of this realm, and not by grace only, may purchase licence, and take have and keep two parsonages or benefices with cure of souls (without any chaplainship).

34. By the 1 *Eliz. c. 4.* for the restitution of first fruits and tenths to the crown, it is provided, that all grants immunities and liberties given to the universities of Cambridge and Oxford, or to any college or hall in either of them, and to the colleges of Eaton and Winchester, by king Henry the eighth or any other of the queen's progenitors or predecessors, or by act of parliament, touching the release or discharge of first fruits and tenths, shall be always and remain in their full strength and virtue.

First fruits and
tenths.

35. By the 3 *H. 8. c. 11.* For licensing surgeons by the bishop of the diocese; it is provided, that the same shall not be prejudicial to the universities of Oxford or Cambridge, or to any privileges granted to them.

Physicians and
surgeons.

And by the 14 & 15 *H. 8. c. 5.* which enacteth, that no person shall be suffered to practise in physick throughout England, until he be examined at London by the president and three elects of the college of physicians; and to have from them letters testimonial of their examination and approbation:—there is an exception, unless he be a graduate of Oxford or Cambridge, which hath accomplished all things for his form, without any grace.

36. By the 5 *G. 2. c. 18.* No person shall be a justice of the peace, who hath not 100*l* a year clear of incumbences:

Justices of the
peace.

branches: Provided, that this shall not extend to any city or town having justices of the peace within their respective limits; but that in every such city or town, they may be capable to be justices of the peace, in such manner as if this act had not been made: And provided also, that this shall not extend to any of the *heads of colleges or halls* in either of the two universities of Oxford and Cambridge; but that they may be made justices of the peace of and in the several counties of Oxford, Berks and Cambridge, and the cities and towns within the same, and execute the office thereof as fully and freely in all respects as if this act had not been made.

And by the 7 Geo. 2. c. 10. Whereas it hath been customary for the *vicechancellor* of the university and *mayor* of the town of Cambridge, to be justices of the peace of the county of Cambridge, and it may be inconvenient to have the said qualification of 100 l a year extend to them; it is therefore enacted that the said act shall not extend to deprive the said vicechancellor of the university or mayor of the town of Cambridge, from being a justice of the peace in the said county.

And by the 18 Geo. 2. c. 20. for the oath of 100 l a year qualification to be made by justices of the peace, it is provided, that this shall not extend to any of the heads of colleges or halls in either of the two universities of Oxford and Cambridge, or to the vicechancellor of either of the said universities, or to the mayor of the city of Oxford or town of Cambridge; but that they may be and act as justices of the peace of and in the several counties of Oxford, Berks, and Cambridge, and the cities and towns within the same, and execute the office thereof, as fully and freely in all respects, as heretofore they have lawfully used to execute the same, as if this act had not been made.

Members of
parliament.

37. By the 9 An. c. 5. requiring knights of the shire to have 600 l a year; and citizens, burghesses, and barons of the cinque ports to have 300 l a year; and by the 33 G. 2. c. 20. requiring oath to be made of such qualification; the members for the two universities are excepted.

Affize of bread.

38. By the 31 Geo. 2. c. 29. and 3 G. 3. c. 11. for the due making of bread, and for regulating the price and affize thereof, and to punish persons who shall adulterate meal flour or bread; it is provided, that the same shall not extend to prejudice the ancient right or custom of the two universities of Oxford or Cambridge, or either
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f them, or their clerks of the market, or the practice within the several jurisdictions there used, to set ascertain and appoint the assize and weight of all sorts of bread to be sold or exposed to sale within their several jurisdictions; but that they may from time to time set ascertain and appoint the assize and weight of all sorts of bread to be sold or exposed to sale, by any baker or other person whatsoever; within the limits of their several jurisdictions, and may inquire and punish the breach thereof, as fully and freely in all respects as they used to do, as if this act had not been made.

T. 5 Car. Case of the university of Cambridge. The university claimed by their charter to be clerks of the market, and that they had power by their office to make orders, and to execute them: And they made an order, that no chandler should sell candles for more than 4d halfpenny the pound: And because one sold for 5d the pound, they imprisoned him. In this case a prohibition was granted; for that they could not imprison without course of law; and as clerks of the market, they had nothing to do but with victuals, which candles are not.

Het. 145.

39. In the close rolls, so ancient as the 3 *Ed. 1.* there ^{Taverns and} is a writ to the mayor and bailiffs of Oxford, to observe ^{alehouses.} the assize of bread and wine, and to set a reasonable price upon victuals, as they are bound by oath to the chancellor and proctors. 3 *Salk.* 383. And by a charter of yet more ancient date, to wit, in the 39 *Hen. 3.* we find the assize of bread and of ale and wine granted to the said university. *Wood's Hist. and Ant. Univ. Oxon.*

In the 5 *Rich. 2.* The mayor bailiffs and commonalty of Cambridge were accused in parliament, that in a tumult there, amongst other enormous offences, they had broken up the university treasury, and taken out and burnt fundry the charters and records of the said university: Upon which their liberties were seized into the king's hands as forfeited. And afterwards, the king granted to the chancellor and scholars, within the said town of Cambridge and the suburbs thereof, the assize, conuſance, and correction of bread, ale, weights, measures, regraters and foreſtallers, with the fines and amerciaments of the same, yielding therefore yearly at the exchequer 10 l. And certain liberties the king after granted to the said mayor and bailiffs, and increased their former fee farm. 4 *Inst.* 228.

By the statute of the 7 *Ed. 6. c. 5.* Containing certain regulations about licensing wine taverns, it is provided,

vided, that there shall not be at any time above the number of three in Oxford and four in Cambridge. And there is a proviso that the same regulations about the granting of licences shall not in any wise be prejudicial or hurtful to any of the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, or to the chancellor and scholars of the same, or their successors, to impair or take away any of the liberties privileges franchises jurisdictions powers and authorities to them or any of them appertaining or belonging; but that they may enjoy the same in such large and ample wise, as tho' this act had not been made: So alway that there be not any more or greater number of taverns kept or maintained within either of the said towns of Oxford or Cambridge, than may be lawfully kept or maintained by the provision and intent of this act.

By the 1 *Ja. c. 9.* for restraining of tipling in publick houses; it is provided, that the correction and punishment of such as shall offend against this act within either of the universities, shall be ministred by the governors, magistrates, justices of the peace, or other principal officers there; and that no other within their liberties for any matter concerning this law shall intermeddle.

And by the 4 *Ja. c. 5.* for the punishment of drunkenness; it is provided, that nothing therein shall be prejudicial to either of the two universities; but that the chancellor masters and scholars may enjoy all their jurisdictions rights privileges and charters, as heretofore they might have done.

By the 11 & 12 *W. c. 15.* and 12 & 13 *W. c. 11. f. 19.* The mayor or other chief officer of every city, town corporate, borough, or market town, shall cause all ale quarts and ale pints brought to them, to be measured and sized with the standard, and then signed stamped and marked;—provided, that nothing therein shall extend to deprive the two universities of this kingdom, or either of them, of their right, privilege, and usage of sizing signing stamping and marking of measures for beer and ale within their respective limits and jurisdictions; but that they may enjoy their said right, privilege, and usage.

T. 1 An. Rush against the chancellor and scholars of the university of Oxford. It was moved for a prohibition to a suit in the vicechancellor's court against certain brewers, for selling ill beer and false measure; and the particular

particular excess of jurisdiction alledged was, the exacting juratory caution; and it was also insisted, that tho' they have the assize of bread and beer by charter, yet a power to punish by fine, and proceed according to the civil law, cannot be by charter. But by Holt chief justice; Before the 14 *Hen. 8.* the university had the jurisdiction of a leet, and exercised it in the vicechancellor's court; but the charter of the 14 *Hen. 8.* grants them power of trespasses, and that over all persons whatsoever, if a scholar be party. 1 *Salk.* 343.

By the 9 *An. c. 23.* which laid a stamp duty upon ale and wine licences, it is provided, that nothing therein shall extend to prejudice any right which the two universities of Oxford and Cambridge or either of them have, or claim to have, to the licensing any taverns, inns or alehouses, within their several jurisdictions; but that the said universities may from time to time grant licences for any taverns inns and alehouses within their several jurisdictions, subject to the said duties, in as ample manner as they might lawfully have granted the same, if this act had not been made.

By the 10 *Geo. 2. c. 19.* It shall not be lawful for the chancellor or vicechancellor of the university of Oxford, or any other officer of that body, to receive or take directly or indirectly, any fee perquisite gratuity or reward, for granting such licences as aforesaid; nor shall any sum of money fee gratuity or reward be hereafter paid to any person or persons for or in respect of such licences, other than such annual payments in like manner and to the like uses, as have been usual in the university of Cambridge; any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding. Provided, that nothing in this act shall in any wise be construed, to prejudice or confirm any of the liberties, privileges, franchises, jurisdictions, powers, and authorities, appertaining or belonging to the mayor, bailiffs, and commonalty of the city of Oxford, or to any of them; but that they may enjoy the same, as if this act had not been made.

By the 17 *Geo. 2. c. 40.* Whereas divers persons have of late taken cellars, vaults, or warehouses, within the university of Oxford and precincts thereof, in which they retail great quantities of wine, not having licence from the chancellor or vicechancellor of the said university, in violation of the rights of the said university, and in prejudice of his majesty's revenues; and whereas the like offences may be committed within the university of Cambridge and the precincts thereof, by persons selling wine
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by retail, not being duly licensed by the said university; and whereas the acts of parliament relating to wine licences do not extend to the said universities: it is enacted, that no person shall sell wine by retail, within either of the said universities or the precincts thereof, without licence from the chancellor or vicechancellor of the university of Oxford, and from the chancellor masters and scholars of the university of Cambridge respectively, on pain of forfeiting for every offence 5*l*, half to the king, and half to the informer; and persons offending against this act may be prosecuted and proceeded against for the said forfeitures in the courts of the chancellors or vicechancellors respectively, in a summary way by summoning the party accused; and on appearance, or contempt in not appearing (oath being made of the summons), such courts may examine the matter; and on confession of the party accused, or oath of one credible witness, may give sentence, and issue their warrant for levying the forfeiture by distress and sale, rendring the overplus; and for want of distress, may commit the offender to the house of correction for one month; and no proceedings herein shall be removed by certiorari, until the party before the allowance thereof shall find two sufficient sureties to become bound to the prosecutor in the sum of 50*l*, to prosecute the same with effect within twelve months, and to pay unto him his costs and charges of the removal of such sentence and the proceedings thereon, in case such sentence shall be affirmed.—Provided, that this shall not in any wise be construed to prejudice or confirm any of the liberties privileges franchises jurisdictions powers and authorities appertaining or belonging to the mayor bailiffs and commonalty of the city of Oxford, or to any of them; but that they may enjoy the same, as if this act had not been made.

By the 26 *Geo. 2. c. 31.* for licensing alehouses; it is provided, that the same shall not in any wise be prejudicial to the privilege of licensing taverns and other public houses, claimed by the two universities or either of them; nor to the chancellor masters and scholars, or any officers of the same, or their successors; but that they may use and enjoy such privilege, as they have heretofore lawfully used and enjoyed.

By the 30 *Geo. 2. c. 19.* containing additional duties and other regulations about wine licences, it is provided, that nothing in this act shall be in any wise prejudicial to the privileges of the two universities, nor to the chancellors and scholars of the same; but that they may use
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and enjoy such privileges as they have heretofore lawfully used and enjoyed.

And by the 32 *Geo. 2. c. 19.* explaining and amending the last mentioned act, it is provided, that nothing in this or any former act, relating to wine licences, shall in any wise be prejudicial to the privileges of the two universities, or to the chancellor or scholars of the same, or their successors; but that they may use and enjoy such privileges as they have heretofore lawfully used and enjoyed: any thing to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Some have doubted, since the acts about justices of the peace licensing alehouses were made, whether the vice-chancellors in the two universities respectively have now a power to regulate and controll the selling of ale and other liquors within their several jurisdictions, as they had before the making of those acts; but upon what those doubts are founded, doth not clearly appear. That they had a privilege by charter to license alehouses, before the act of parliament of the 13 *Eliz.* is unquestionable. That privilege, whether valid or not by charter, was established and made good by that act. From thence, to the 2d year of *Geo. 2.* no alteration by any act was made concerning the power of licensing alehouses. By the act of 2 *G. 2. c. 28.* it was enacted, that no licence should be granted to keep an alehouse, but at a general meeting of the justices for the division, and all licences granted otherwise should be void: But there is a proviso, that nothing therein should extend to alter the method or power of granting licences in *any city or town corporate.* In the act of the 26 *G. 2. c. 31.* there are several other regulations; but with a special proviso, that the same should not extend to the universities, and a recognition withal (as above expressed) of the said privilege of the universities to license taverns and other publick houses within their districts. And the like is acknowledged, with respect either to taverns or alehouses, or both, by no less than ten other acts of parliament, as is above set forth; as also by two other acts, as here follow under the two next sections: that is to say, the said power is recognized by thirteen acts of parliament.

40. By the 9 *An. c. 10.* requiring that no persons shall carry letters but the postmaster general or his deputies, there is a proviso, that nothing therein shall extend to either of the universities, but that they may use and enjoy such privileges as heretofore they have lawfully used and enjoyed, and that all letters and other things may be

Carriage of letters.

sent or conveyed to or from the said universities, in manner as heretofore hath been used.

Distillers setting
up trades.

41. By the 9 G. 2. c. 23. After the 29th day of September 1736, any person who hath followed and exercised the art or business of distillation for seven years last past; or hath served, or on the 25th day of March 1736 was serving an apprenticeship to the same; shall have full liberty and authority to exercise and follow any other trade art business or manufacture, in any city town or place in England; any law, charter, grant, custom, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

But by the 10 Geo. 2. c. 19. Whereas since the making the said act, and under colour thereof, persons not licensed by the chancellor masters and scholars of the university of Cambridge, or by the chancellor or vicechancellor of the university of Oxford, have exercised and followed, or may exercise and follow, in the city of Oxford and town of Cambridge, the trades of vintners or wine sellers, and much evil rule and disorder may be practised in taverns not so licensed, to the great annoyance of the said chancellors masters and scholars, and corruption of the youth educated in the said universities; it is enacted, that after Sept. 29, 1737, nothing in the said act contained shall extend to prejudice the right which the chancellor masters and scholars of the said university of Cambridge, or the chancellor or vicechancellor of the said university of Oxford, do claim, of licensing taverns and other publick houses within the precincts of either of the said universities; but they may enjoy the said right as fully as if the said act had not been made. Provided, that such distillers as aforesaid, who since the said 29th day of September 1736, have exercised or followed in the said town of Cambridge the trades of vintners or wine sellers, without the licence of the chancellor masters and scholars, shall have liberty to exercise the said trades there, so as they take out such licences before the 24th day of June next following, paying their proportion for the same of the money usually and annually paid by the vintners or wine sellers now licensed by the said chancellor masters and scholars, and upon such terms, and subject to such regulations conditions restrictions and power of revocation, as the said vintners or wine sellers so licensed as aforesaid are subject to.

Soldiers setting
up trades.

42. By the 22 Geo. 2. c. 44. and 3 G. 3. c. 8. soldiers and mariners who have been employed in the king's service, and have not deserted, may set up such trades as they

they are apt for, in any town or place within this kingdom: — Provided, that this act shall not in any wise be prejudicial to the privileges of the universities of Cambridge and Oxford, or either of them; or extend to give liberty to any person to set up the trade of a vintner, or to sell any wine or other liquors within the said universities, without licence first had and obtained from the vicechancellors of the same respectively.

43. In the statute 1 & 2 P. & M. c. 7. which enacteth, that persons dwelling in the country, and not being freemen of cities or towns corporate respectively, shall not sell goods by retail within such city or town corporate; there is a proviso, that nothing therein shall be prejudicial to the liberties and privileges of the universities of Cambridge and Oxford, or either of them.

Persons not free of the city or town, selling goods therein.

44. Whilst the laws for purveyance were in force, it was enacted by the 2 & 3 P. & M. c. 15. that the king's purveyors should not take grain or victuals within five miles of Cambridge or Oxford, unless when the king or queen should be there or within seven miles thereof. But now, by the 12 C. 2. c. 24. All purveyance whatsoever is intirely taken away.

Purveyance.

45. By the 10 Geo. 2. c. 19. Whereas the letters patent of king Hen. 8. made and granted to the chancellor and scholars of the university of Oxford, bearing date the first day of April in the 14th year of his reign; and the letters patent of queen Elizabeth, made and granted to the chancellor masters and scholars of the university of Cambridge, bearing date the 25th day of April in the 3d year of her reign; and also all other letters patent by any of her progenitors or predecessors, made to either of the corporated bodies of the said universities; and all manner of liberties, franchises, immunities, quietances, privileges, view of frankpledge, law days, and other things whatsoever they were, which either of the said corporated bodies of the said universities had held occupied or enjoyed, or of right ought to have had used occupied and enjoyed; were by authority of parliament in the 13th year of her reign confirmed to the chancellor masters and scholars of either of the said universities, and their successors; and whereas doubts have arisen or may arise, whether by any of the said letters patent liberties franchises immunities or privileges, or by any subsequent charter or charters, or by the laws and statutes of this realm, the chancellor of either of the said universities, or the vicechancellor thereof, or his deputy, or any other person, be sufficiently impowered to correct restrain or suppress

Stage plays.

suppress common players of interludes, settled residing or inhabiting within the precincts of either of the said universities, and not wandering abroad; and whereas the erection of any playhouse within the precincts of either of the said universities or places adjacent may be attended with great inconveniencies; it is enacted, that all persons whatsoever, who shall for gain, in any playhouse, booth, or otherwise, exhibit any stage play, interlude, shew, opera, or other theatrical or dramatical performance, or act any part or assist therein, within the precincts of either of the said universities, or within five miles of the city of Oxford or town of Cambridge, shall be deemed rogues and vagabonds: and it shall be lawful for the chancellor of either of the said universities, or the vicechancellor thereof, or his deputy respectively, to commit any such person to any house of correction within either of the counties of Cambridge or Oxford respectively, there to be kept to hard labour for the space of one month; or to the common gaol of the city or county of Oxford, or town or county of Cambridge, there remain without bail or mainprize for the like space of one month; any licence of the chancellor masters and scholars of either of the said universities, or any thing in any statute, law, custom, charter, or privilege to the contrary notwithstanding.

Militia.

46. By the militia act of 2 G. 3. c. 20. No person, being a member of either of the universities, shall serve personally, or provide a substitute to serve in the militia.

Land tax.

47. By the annual acts for the land tax, it is provided, that the same shall not extend to charge any college or hall in either of the two universities of Oxford or Cambridge; or the colleges of Windsor, Eaton, Winton or Westminster; or the college of Bromley; for or in respect of the sites of the said colleges or halls, or any of the buildings within the walls or limits thereof: or any master, fellow, or scholar, or exhibitioner of any such college or hall, or any masters or others of any school; for or in respect of any stipend, wages, rents, profits, or exhibitions whatsoever, arising or growing due to them, in respect of the said several places or employments, in the said universities, colleges, or schools: or to charge any of the houses or lands, which on or before Mar. 25, 1693, did belong to the sites of any college or hall. Provided, that nothing herein shall be construed or taken to discharge any tenant of any the houses or lands belonging to the said colleges, halls, or schools, who by their

their leases or other contracts are obliged to pay all rates taxes and impositions whatsoever; but that they shall be rated and pay all such rates, taxes, and impositions. Provided also, that all such lands revenues or rents, settled to any charitable or pious use, as were assessed in the 4th year of *Will. and Mary*, shall be liable to be charged; and that no other lands tenements or hereditaments revenues or rents whatsoever, then settled to any charitable or pious uses, as aforesaid, shall be charged.

48. By the 20 G. 2. c. 3. Every distinct chamber in a college or hall in the universities, shall pay the duties upon houses and windows, as if it was one intire house. Duty upon houses and windows.

49. By the 32 G. 2. c. 33. explaining a former act, viz. 31 G. 2. c. 22. which imposeth a duty upon offices and pensions; it is provided, that nothing in the said act of the 32 G. 2. c. 33. shall extend to charge any offices or employments in either of the two universities. — But there is no proviso for exempting offices in the universities from the duties charged by the said former act of the 31 G. 2. c. 22. Duty upon offices and pensions.

50. By the 18 El. c. 20. and 35 El. c. 7. divers regulations were made for repairing the highways within one mile of the city of Oxford, under the controul of the vice chancellor and mayor, with other justices of the university and city; which being found insufficient, an act was passed in the 11 G. 3. c. 19. for rendering the same more effectual, and for causing the ways commonly called the mile ways to be repaired; for making a commodious entrance thro' the parish of St Clement; for rebuilding or repairing Magdalen bridge; for making commodious roads from the said bridge, thro' the university and city, and the avenues leading thereto; for cleansing and lighting the streets, lanes, and places, within the said university and city, and the suburbs thereof, and the said parish of St Clement; for removing nuisances and annoyances therefrom, and preventing the like for the future; for empowering colleges and corporations to aliene their estates there; and for removing, holding, and regulating markets within the said city. Highways.

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